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SPORTS

Clutch plays, free throws win it for Grayling



Early on, both teams – the Grayling Vikings and the Charlevoix Rayders – had trouble putting the ball in the basket. Then, in quarters two through four, the squads combined for 14 three-pointers in a varsity boys basketball contest that ultimately came down to which team could make plays in the final seconds of the fourth quarter.

Grayling made enough plays down the stretch and converted its crunch time free throws – the team was 7 for 8 from the line in the last 2:10 of regulation – and the Vikings won by two, 70-68, during Tuesday's league game vs. the Rayders. **Page 13**

Ski teams place 4th of six during league meet at Schuss



Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams both placed fourth out of six squads during last Thursday's Lake Michigan Conference meet at Schuss Mountain, a competition that featured a lot of DNFs due to slippery racing conditions. **Page 15**

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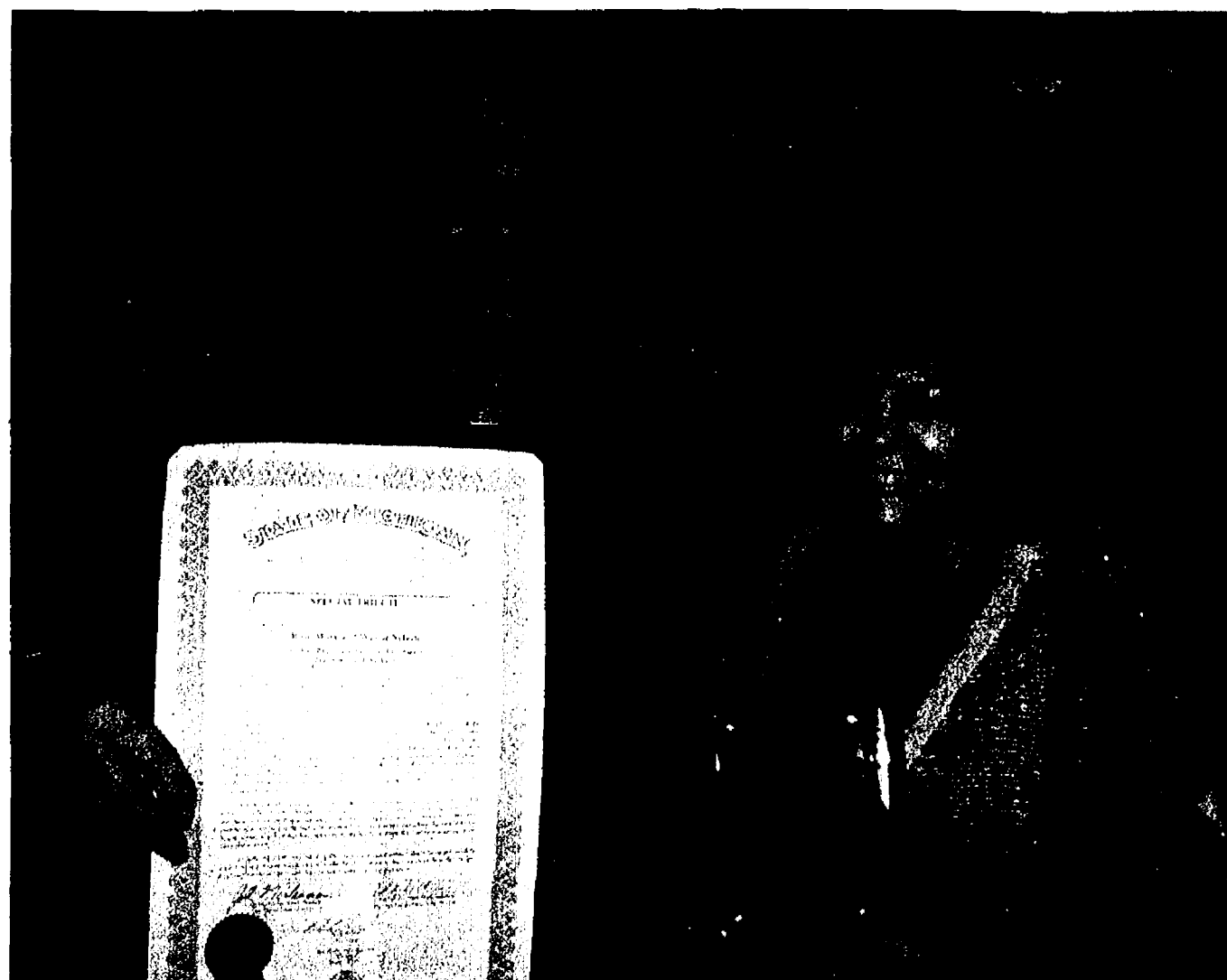
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Rose Mary and Wayne Nelson were honored last week with the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Citizen of the Year Award. Above, Wayne displays a state proclamation from Michigan lawmakers, while Rose Mary holds the award.

Chamber honors Grayling couple with Citizen of the Year Award

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling couple, which has devoted their lives giving to country and community, were honored last week with the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Citizen of the Year Award.

Rose Mary and Wayne Nelson received the annual recognition at the Chamber's Business After Hours held at the Gray Rock Cafe on Jan. 26.

Wayne worked for several years as manager for Grayling Charter Township's Recycling Center and is still an on-call employee.

Rose Mary was the manager for Camp Grayling's Post Exchange, working as a retail manager then as a manager of military clothing and sales. She retired after volunteering to work at a Post Exchange in Iraq in 2007 for an 18-month assignment.

Nowadays, the Nelsons are involved in almost every charitable and civic organization in the community, as individuals and as a couple.

They volunteer to support the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Crawford County Baby to Toddler Closet, the American Legion, the

American Red Cross, the Grayling Promotional Association, Angel Food Ministries, the Relay for Life of Crawford County, the Crawford County Historical Museum, the Crawford County Commission on Aging, the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Rose Mary Nelson volunteers at the Window Shop at Mercy Hospital Grayling, while Wayne maintains the Grayling Township Nature Park and volunteers at the Grayling Fish Hatchery.

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Jury delivers guilty verdict

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

One brother never returned to his 2011 Fourth of July family gathering while another brother faces up to life in prison after being convicted by a jury last week.

The jury determined that Paul Barry Easterle, 71, of Frederic, was guilty of murder-second degree, domestic violence and felonious assault with a dangerous weapon. The jury of three men and nine women deliberated about four hours after hearing about five days of testimony in the Crawford County Circuit Court before delivering the guilty verdicts on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Mark Easterle, 60, of Waterford, was shot and killed by his brother on Sunday, July 3, 2011.

The incident started with the brothers arguing over the treatment of Paul Easterle's wife.

Crawford County Prosecutor Everett Ayers said Easterle's wife was battling Alzheimer's disease, and sought help from family members when she was scared.

Mark Easterle was in Crawford County for the Fourth of July weekend with his children and grandchildren. They went canoeing on the Manistee River, and were preparing to grill hamburgers before Mark was called to his brother's home, located near the cabin.

Ayers introduced 170 exhibits into evidence, including several photos reenacting the crime scene and the position of the brothers, when the shooting occurred.

There were three eyewitnesses to the shooting, which included Mark Easterle's stepdaughter, July Gravelle, her husband, Jon Gravelle, and son-in-law Jeff Richards.

Jon Gravelle testified seeing the two brothers fighting and wrestling through a window.

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"White out" hits Hanson Hills for weekend fun

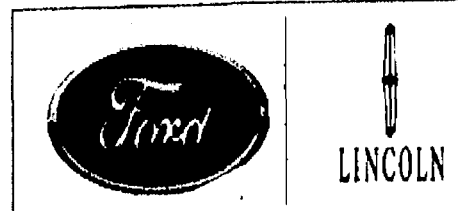
One of the largest White Outs ever, through the movement called "Girlz in White Dresses" gathered at Hanson Hills on Sunday for some downhill tubing. Eighteen women wore their wedding dresses along with the necessary boots, coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and mittens. The women had snacks before the outing and joined together for dinner in town after spending the afternoon on the tubing hill. Above, a bride prepares for a trip down the hill.

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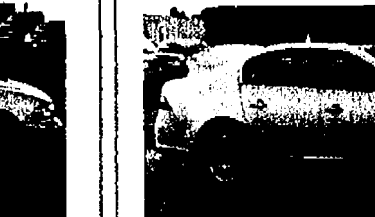
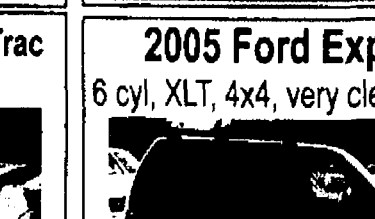
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by Dan Sanderson
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Last year, Crawford County emergency planners and firefighting officials formalized an educational effort to help save homes and prevent wildfires from occurring in Crawford County.

Now, Rick Deuell, deputy director/senior planner with the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), has been contracted to develop the wildfire prevention plan for Crawford County.

Since NEMCOG covers nine counties, the plan could be used to address wildfires in other areas of the region. Stephenson said initial

information for Crawford County's plan was gleaned from other counties, with the emphasis on simplifying matters.

"You just need to be concise," Stephenson said. "You don't need it to be a book that you're going to read to fall asleep with at night."

Stephenson said Oscoda County and Crawford County could follow the same precaution and safety measures since there are similar landscapes in the region.

Crawford County and Oscoda County are the top two red-zone counties in the state, most susceptible to wildfires.

"It's because of that fine Jack Pine that we have here," Stephenson said.

The Jack Pine trees grow along the AuSable River corridor. The sandy soils do not hold moisture and the Jack Pines cause fires that crown and quickly spread when a wildfire starts.

Once the community wildfire prevention plan is formalized, the county can apply for grants to conduct a Firewise educational

meeting and send out information to residents in high-risk areas.

The National Fire Protection Association's Firewise Communities program encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters and others in the effort to protect people and property from wildfire risks.

The program is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the National Association of State Foresters.

Some of the Firewise measures include cutting down or thinning trees close to homes and removing open wooden lattice from decks and porches where dry leaves collect.

Three times over the last four years, Crawford County citizens have dodged a bullet. Huge wildfires have occurred in the county resulting in damaged land, some destroyed homes and other structures, but no loss of lives.

The Howes Lake Fire

started when lightning struck a Jack Pine tree on Monday, June 6, 2011. The lightning occurred when a two-minute storm swept through the region. The fire destroyed 817 acres of land, three out buildings and five homes had siding damage. The damage occurred on state, military and privately owned land.

The Meridian Road Boundary Fire, which started May 18, 2010, destroyed 8,586 acres of land in Crawford County. Most of the property was owned by the U.S. Forest Service, but 14 homes on private land were destroyed, two homes were damaged and 48 outbuildings were destroyed. The fire was started by someone burning brush.

The Four Mile Road Fire, which was started by sparks from a Lake State Railway, Inc. train engine on April 24, 2008, burned down 1,300 acres of forest, three homes and other buildings, located on the Grayling Game Club property south of Grayling by Simpson Lake.

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Roof replacement studied by county

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Since the 2009 Crawford County Courthouse renovation and addition project was completed to accommodate access and space needs, county leaders are now focused on upgrading the roof of the building.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said three bids were recently submitted to replace the roof on the Crawford County Building. The lowest bid of \$139,390, was submitted by Great Lakes Roofing, Inc.

The Crawford County Building was built in 1969. The roof was replaced in the mid-1990s, when the heating and ventilation equipment for the building was

upgraded.

Brad Robinson, the maintenance director for Crawford County, said removing a gravel protective covering and replacing the roof membrane and insulation-gypsum board, would prevent leaks. Maintenance could also be conducted on the roof once the out of date materials are replaced.

"As those materials break down and each time the membrane is punctured by a rock, you create low spots in the roof," Robinson said.

Joe Duran, the Crawford County Building and Zoning Department director, suggested the county slope the roof rather than maintaining a flat surface.

Compo told the Crawford County Board of

Commissioners that going with a sloped roof would add \$50,000 to the project cost.

Compo said the existing drainage system on the building, which allows built up water to filter down through the building's storm sewers, would still accommodate a flat roof.

Great Lakes Roofing is proposing to replace the existing roof with a .45 mill roof, which is .045 inches thick.

"It's pretty much the industrial standard," Compo said.

County Commissioner Terry Beardslee, asked for information on a higher-grade roof, which would result in a thicker membrane, adding years onto the

longevity of the roof.

"I certainly feel that it would be worth asking what the cost will be," said Beardslee, who is a heating and plumbing contractor.

Compo said that the county would pay for the roof replacement in one payment, through its courthouse preservation fund. The fund is built up by fees from traffic tickets and other court cases.

Students mark milestone on Statehood Day

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A class of Grayling Elementary third grade students celebrated the State of Michigan's 175th anniversary with doughnuts and a day's worth of lessons.

Gov. Rick Snyder proclaimed Thursday, Jan. 26 as Michigan Statehood Day, commemorating 175 years since the state was admitted to the Union as America's 26th state.

"Michigan has a great past but its best days are yet to come," Snyder said. "The innovative spirit that built this state will take us to new heights in the 21st century and beyond. It's an honor to be a Michigander and as we celebrate this Michigan milestone, I encourage every resident to take a moment and reflect on the beauty, greatness and promise of our state."

In Grayling, Laurie Canfield's third grade class spent the day with lessons focused on Michigan. The youngsters did math problems to calculate when the state was admitted into the Union. They also studied the state's geography and history. The class capped off the day eating doughnuts for a snack and singing Happy Birthday to Michigan.

"It was wonderful," Canfield said. "The kids were very excited and everyone that came in, they had to tell them that it was Michigan's birthday."

Michigan was admitted into the Union, following a two-year struggle to achieve

statehood that even included a "war" with Ohio over the so-called Toledo Strip.

A deal was brokered by the federal government, when Michigan ceded its historic claim to the Toledo Strip in exchange for statehood and roughly two-thirds of the Upper Peninsula, which was considered a bad deal at the time. President Andrew Jackson made it official, and Michigan became the 26th state.

Some interesting historical facts about Michigan include:

• Detroit was the first capital of Michigan, not Lansing.

• Michigan has more lighthouses than any other U.S. state.

• The first soda pop manufactured in the U.S., Vernor's ginger ale, was created by accident in 1866 in Detroit.

• Michigan is the largest state producer of cherries

• Steven T. Mason became governor of Michigan in 1834 (then a territory) at the age of 22, and to this day remains the youngest state governor in American history.

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• Sault Ste. Marie, founded by Fr. Jacques Marquette in 1668, is the third oldest remaining settlement in the U.S.

• Michigan is the only place in the world with a floating post office - the J.W. Westcott II is the only boat in the world that delivers mail to ships while they are still underway

• In 1879, Detroit phone customers were the first in the nation to be assigned phone numbers.

• Michigan's official state motto is, "Si Quers Peninsulam Amoenam Circumspice," which means, "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you."

The Michigan Historical Museum, located in the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing, is offering five levels of permanent and changing exhibits that tell Michigan's story.

In 2012, citizens can experience the museum's exhibits, which include interactive computers, audio-visual presentations and hands-on elements.

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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Super Bowl ads carry super price tags

MORE THAN 150 million viewers are expected to tune in to Super Bowl XLVI next weekend, which is probably more people than watched all 19 Republican presidential debates so far.

I'm not sure how XLVI translates to tell us how long the Super Bowl has been going on because my Latin classes were during high school, which is longer than XLVI years ago, but the football extravaganza has been going on long enough to become a huge public attraction.

According to Robert Kolt, a high-powered Lansing based communications and advertising expert, the primary motivation of at least half of the viewers will not be to watch a football game but rather to see the ads.

That's one reason businesses with something to sell are willing to spend \$3.5 million for a 30 second advertising spot during the

football game, which is a record amount for Super Bowl ads.

IN A SIGNED article appearing in *The Lansing State Journal*, Mr. Kolt said that beer producers will provide most of the ads during this year's game, and automobile companies will be prominent in their spending, too.

Mr. Kolt explained that no ads will be shown after the two-minute warning in the fourth quarter, which makes sense because the other half of the TV audience which is concerned primarily with football and how the game ends, deserves at least that minor consideration.

Super Bowl ads obviously work, so maybe they're worth the investment.

Mr. Kolt pointed out that the Chrysler ad during the 2011 Super Bowl which featured recording artist Eminem, the latest Chrysler

and a vibrant Detroit environment was credited with huge gains in Chrysler sales.

It also is history that Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's first political ads were wrapped into the 2010 Super Bowl, introducing "one tough nerd" from Ann Arbor who wanted to be governor, causing many Michiganians for several months to ask "Who's that Snyder guy we're hearing about and what's he running for?"

Enough Michigan voters liked what first emerged on the Michigan political scene on Super Bowl Sunday to elect that "one tough nerd" as governor that November.

I SUPPOSE IF I could remember my lessons in math - which were even longer ago than my high school Latin classes - I could figure out how many advertising dollars at \$3.5 million for a 30 second spot

would be spent during this year's game, but suffice it to say advertisers will pony up a tremendous amount of money to be heard and seen during Super Bowl XLVI.

The public seems to be wallowing in tales of huge money these days. Republican candidates for president think nothing of multi-million investments in their campaigns.

News items reveal that President Obama raised more than \$220 million during 2011 for his reelection campaign and the Democratic National Committee, all from non-official speeches and visits, I presume.

That's slightly more than enough money to pay for the nine year contract the Detroit Tigers just negotiated for a first baseman, Prince Fielder, who will be paid a measly \$214 million, or \$20 million or so a year. Whether he earns that pay

remains to be seen.

WHEN GOP presidential hopeful Mitt Romney aired his tax returns, they showed that although he was virtually unemployed during 2010, his income was \$20 million or so from returns on invested wealth he had stashed away in various places during his very productive years in the business world, and his tax rate was only 15 percent or so. It should be noted Mr. Romney is not among the country's top 400 federal tax payers.

Fellow Republican candidate Newt Gingrich, a college teacher by trade until he first was elected to Congress more than 30 years ago, also bared his tax returns, and the former speaker struggled along in 2010 on a mere \$3 million or so personal income, and paid almost \$950,000 or so in federal taxes.

Obviously in Super

Bowls, politics and baseball, a dollar sure isn't what it used to be.

It's a long way from Prince Fielder's \$20 million for playing 162 baseball games a year to the days when Al Kaline, one of the greatest players who ever wore a Tiger uniform, turned down a pay offer from Tiger owners of \$100,000 a year because he said he wasn't worth that much money.

It's difficult for most of us to grasp the magnitude of spending and wealth that's involved in making the world go around these days.

Most of us only with a little bit more of it would come our way.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Washington Notes

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Tax loophole encourages financial games over job growth

We have learned a lot in recent months and years about how special tax breaks and loopholes favor the privileged and powerful at the expense of Michigan's and America's middle class. As one of my first actions in the Senate this year I introduced a bill to close one of the most troubling of those loopholes.

The bill, the Closing the Derivatives Blended Rate Loophole Act, meets the twin tests of helping to reduce the deficit while promoting the interests of American families. It would put an end to a tax loophole that showers benefits on short-term traders of certain financial instruments, but does nothing to promote economic growth and raises the tax burden on American families.

Our tax code taxes what are known as "capital gains" - income from the sale of stocks, real estate or other assets - at a much lower rate than the tax on income such as your paycheck. But generally speaking, taxpayers are allowed to claim a lower long-term capital gains tax rate on earnings only if those earnings come from the sale of assets that they have held for more than a year. The reason is simple: we tax long-term capital gains at a lower rate because we want to encourage the long-term investment that helps our

economy grow.

But under current tax law, traders in certain complex financial instruments called derivatives have managed to win themselves an exemption from the distinction between short-term and long-term capital gains. They can claim 60 percent of their income as long-term capital gains no matter how briefly they hold the asset. This "blended" tax rate applies if the trader holds the asset for 11 months or 11 hours or 11 seconds.

The details may be complex, but the bottom line is that this treatment bestows a big tax break on those who typically hold the covered derivatives for only a brief period. It encourages and rewards short-term speculation in complicated financial products and does little, if anything, to help our economy grow and create jobs. In fact, the increasing focus of our financial markets on short-term profit through trades that last just minutes or seconds threatens real damage to our economy. So we're subsidizing activity that doesn't help the economy, and could do harm, at the expense of middle-class taxpayers.

We lose significant tax revenue by allowing this tax break - a revenue loss that means we must either ask for more from American families or add to the deficit. What's more, this

misguided policy contributes to the basic unfairness that characterizes too much of our tax code by providing an unusual and unnecessary tax break to a small group of financial speculators.

The tax experts at the American Bar Association's Tax Section wrote in December to the tax-writing committees of the House and Senate: "We are aware of no policy reason to provide preferential treatment for these gains and losses."

Ending this loophole by passing the Closing the Derivatives Blended Rate Loophole Act would not solve all the problems in our tax code nor end our deficit dilemma. But it would be another important step toward a saner, fairer tax code. It would demonstrate that Congress shares the concerns of so many Americans that the tax system is too often stacked against the interests of working families and in favor of the privileged few. It would end a policy that encourages short-term speculation over long-term investment in growth. And it would provide a down payment on the revenue we need to restore if we're to engage in serious deficit reduction and avoid slashing critical programs.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

Letters to the Editor

Grayling is a nice place to live

To the editor:

We live off Louie's Landing and the week of Jan. 16 they never plowed our road and Friday, Jan. 20, we left for town and got stuck as we tried to go up the grade to get on 72.

A young man went by going east, turned around and came back to help.

Then on Sunday we got stuck again, so as I get out of the car to watch for traf-

fic to see if it was clear, and a young lady was going east and she turned around and came back to help.

A great place to live when we have so many nice citizens ready to help.

Also, congratulations to the five young men that became Eagle Scouts. Grayling is a nice place to live.

Joyce Klotz
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

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Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number

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Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

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Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Briefs

Church to hold seminar

Bear Lake Christian Church, will hold a community fellowship for women featuring Dr. Crew, he will discuss the Seasons of Life, on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m. A free lunch is included. Call for reservations at 231-258-6612 or 231-258-6127.

Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

GHS to hold Crockpot Cookoff

Grayling High School will hold a Crockpot Cookoff on Feb. 3, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. There is a \$5 entry fee, enter your soup or chili and win a prize. Taste testing is \$5 and there is no limit. All proceeds will support Project Graduation. To enter or call with questions, Traci at 989-390-0727.

GHS to hold dress swap or shop

GHS will hold 4th annual Prom Dress Shop & Sell will take place at the Grayling High School cafeteria on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to sell or donate dresses, shoes or other related accessories can take them to Teresa Bonamie in the GHS counseling office. Sellers keep 100 percent of the profit from items they sell. You do not have to be a GHS student to shop or sell. Questions can be directed to Teresa Bonamie at 344-3512.

Baby to Toddler Closet to be open

The Baby to Toddler Closet will be open the first and third Thursday of the month. It will be open on Feb. 2 and Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling. No new clients after 2:30 p.m.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Mercy Hospital offering free Better Breathing program series

Beginning in February, Mercy Hospital Grayling will hold a free eight week Better Breathing series aimed at improving the quality of life for adults suffering from emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma and other breathing problems.

The series is an interactive program offered in a group setting and taught by healthcare professionals as well as a licensed respiratory therapist. The program will cover topics including understanding your medications, travel tips, breathing devices, panic control, building strength and energy conservation.

"There are so many members of our community suffering from chronic breath-

ing issues and this educational series will help them learn how to self-manage their chronic disease and live a healthier lifestyle," said Gary Rapelje, RRT, assistant director of Ambulatory Services at Mercy Hospital Grayling and licensed respiratory therapist.

Classes are free to everyone and will be held every Monday from Feb. 13 through April 9, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. (there will be no class on March 26). Classes will be held at Mercy Hospital Grayling in the Huron Pines Room, which is located near the cafeteria. Registration is required by calling 989-348-0325.

Library News

The Genealogy Group meets at Devereaux Memorial Library every Monday from 9 a.m. till noon. Study ancestry and discover your family history with the help of experienced genealogists.

Join "Story Hour" at Devereaux Memorial Library every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. Children 0-5 and their caregivers can enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, crafts and snacks. Call Miss Connie at 989-348-9214 for additional information.

Sit n' Knit will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. Share quality time with other needle heads and hear a few good yarns at the library.

Rescheduled: "got nook?" (program on downloading audiobooks e-books and more) will be held at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. This is a basic workshop for adults with eBook devices, or those contemplating a purchase in the near future. Call Jane to sign up at 989-348-9214.

Kids ages 6-12 can make some teeny tiny treasures at our "Valen-Tiny!" program at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 3:30 p.m. Make a big impression on that special someone with a miniature Valentine. Enjoy stories, crafts and tiny treats too! Call Jane at 989-348-9214 to sign up.

February is hot at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts

Kirtland Center is heating up the new year with a hot line up in February.

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble electrifies the stage in "On the Move," a brand new high-energy dance extravaganza Friday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. Actor/comedian Sinbad will bring his uproarious brand of comedy to Kirtland all-ages audiences Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. Dinner before the Sinbad show is just \$12 per person in the Kirtland Grille with advance reservations through the KCPA box office at 989-275-6777.

Sinbad, ranked by Comedy Central as one of the top 100 comedians of all time, has built a loyal following by examining the painful or embarrassing tribulations of the everyday lives we all share. When he throws his observations back to the audience, an uproar of comedic hysteria ensues. He can also make it sound profound without being profane.

Sinbad is internationally known for his starring appearances in hit movies like "Jingle All the Way," with Arnold Schwarzenegger; "Houseguest" with the late Phil Hartman, and his film debut "Necessary Roughness", where he did none of his own stunts. He has starred in the television sitcom "A Different World" as well as his own series, "The Sinbad Show."

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (EOE) has received overwhelming critical acclaim along with enthusiastic audience support: "Intelligently crafted repertoire," (Susan Isaacs-Nisbett, Dance Magazine), "dance that touches the soul" (Susan Hall-Baldof, Detroit Free Press), "an eye-popping production" (David Lyman, Detroit Free Press), "a hearty, no-nonsense way of moving" (Jack Anderson, New York Times), and "a finely interwoven company (Beverly Hills Outlook-California).

The company has performed throughout the United States and Russia. Recently, EDE received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to recreate the work "Escargot" by late choreographer, Louis Falco.

Artistic director, Laurie Eisenhower, founded EDE as one of the finest professional dance companies in the Midwest in 1991. Since its inception, the company has been dedicated to the a diversity of contemporary dance works. Along with Eisenhower's highly acclaimed choreography, EDE showcases the works of internationally known choreographers, such as David Parsons, Stephen Koester, Michael Foley, Kiesha Lalama-White, Mark Dendy, Shane O'Hara, Joel Hall, Lila York, Colin Connor, and Billy Siegenfeld among others.

Tickets for Eisenhower Dance are \$10 general admission; students at half price. Tickets for Sinbad are \$36 and \$32. Sinbad pre-show dinner is \$12 per person and reservations are required as seating is limited.

Child care is available at the Warbler's Nest Early Learning Center on campus with advance reservations.

Free parking lot shuttle. Show tickets available online at www.kirtland-center.com.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Jan. 29 of \$25 each; John Keir, Shelly Elmy, Loretta Tobin (2) and Rick Arndt.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Jan. 27 was Kristen Rock.

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The Bible Speaks

Summary on Romans 14

Our public integrity in the kingdom of God requires putting others first in our choices concerning non-essentials. "21It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." (Rom. 14:21). As Paul said about eating meat offered to idols in 1 Corinthians 8:12,13: "12But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. 13Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." God the Holy Spirit warned us of such errors in the last days in 1 Timothy 4:1-3: "1Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

Our private independence in the kingdom of God involves only pleasing God in Romans 14:22: "22Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." As Romans 14:14 stated, "14I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean." Our standard in pleasing God is knowing and obeying His Holy Scripture as stated in James 1:25: "25But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." God's word of truth brings freedom, not bondage:

"32And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free....36If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:32,36). This truth is stressed as a Baptist distinctive of soul liberty. This means each person must be free to know and obey God's word according to the dictates of his/her own conscience.

Any perplexing indecision in the kingdom of God results from ignorance of God's Holy Scriptures. "23And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Romans 14:23). Primitive pagan religions are filled with all kinds of superstition and fear which governs all their conduct. Christians know the truth as 2 Timothy 1:7 says: "7For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." God's only source of faith is His word in Romans 10:17: "17So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Hebrews 11:6 reminds us: "6But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Many people live in fear and indecision because they are afraid to read the Bible. They have the false opinion that the Bible will enslave them rather than set them free. The devil has convinced them that God wants them to be in bondage and miserable instead of being free, and having peace and joy as Romans 14:17 said: "17For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Pastor "B"

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Obituaries



Roy D. Wedge

Roy D. Wedge, 93, died January 28, 2012 at Clare Bridge of Midland.

He was born December 5, 1918 in Beaver County, Oklahoma, son of Lucy Ann (McKim) and Joseph Wedge.

Roy was blessed to have three caring and loving women in his life. Roy married his first love, Grace Wanita Eastlake, on July 22, 1943 in San Diego, California. She preceded him in death, after 56 years of marriage, on June 12, 2000. He was 82 years old when he married his second wife, Fay Iris Rose, on April 10, 2001. Fay was a blessed soul who cared for and loved him well until her death on August 14, 2004. His good friend Velma Svoboda loved him dearly and helped him stay independent in his own apartment until July of 2009, when he returned to Michigan. She currently lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Roy was a generous and loving husband, father and grandfather. He had a full life and kept his easy going personality even through his last days of illness. His faith sustained him and brought him joy throughout his life.

Roy lived through the 1930s as a young man in Detroit. He was in the CCC for two years before he joined the US Navy in 1939. He then served the USN in the Atlantic Ocean and then the Pacific Ocean from 1939 to 1946, reaching the grade of Chief Ship Fitter. He became an independent carpenter/contractor after returning home to Detroit, in 1947.

In 1960 he moved his family to Grayling, where he worked as a carpenter/foreman for the State of Michigan. He had many friends in the Grayling area and was active in the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

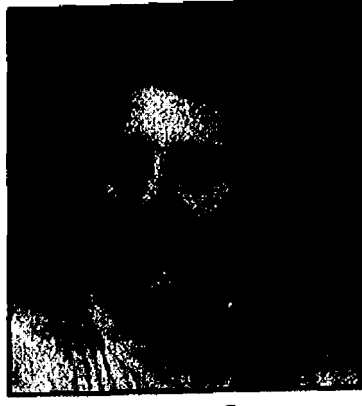
He loved the outdoors and enjoyed his hobbies of trout fishing and golf. In 1995 he moved with Grace to Las Vegas, Nevada to be close to their daughter Karen. He continued to live there until 2009, and then returned to Michigan. He resided at Clare Bridge of Midland and received compassionate loving care there for the last two years.

Roy is survived by his children, Roy (Donna) Wedge, Jr. of Midland, Karen (Paul) Faulkner of Las Vegas, Nevada; his sister, Nina Richter of Shelby Township; his grandchildren, Chris Ann (Brent) Whitted of Midland, Gregory (Kari) Wedge, Midland; his great-grandchildren: Nathan Wedge, Dylan Wedge and Lane Wedge; his step-grandchildren: Paul (Cathy) Faulkner, Jr., Susan (Shawn) Goecke, Marie Foster, and their children. Roy has numerous surviving nieces and nephews, most of whom knew him as uncle Dean.

Roy was preceded in death by his siblings: Andrew, Edith, Gertrude, Pearl, Rose, Russell, Ruth, Star and Violet. Memorial donations may be made to the Senior Services Seasons program of Midland in lieu of flowers.

A memorial service will be planned for late May 2012.

Online condolences can be given at smithminer.com.



Jacqueline Lepsy

Jacqueline Susan Lepsy, 75, of Grayling, passed away on January 28, 2012, after a protracted illness.

She was born in Grayling, on October 20, 1936, to the late Lawrence "Bud" Hunter and Eleanor Hunter.

Known by her friends as "Jackie Sue," she was a 1954 graduate of Grayling High School and Kirtland Community College's first nursing class.

She worked as a nurse at Grayling Mercy Hospital and Mercy Manor until her retirement.

Her sisters, Patricia Hunter and Mary Catherine Blaauw; and brothers, Larry and John Hunter survive her. She had four children: Richard, Lisa, David and Christopher. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Wednesday, February 1, at 11 a.m.

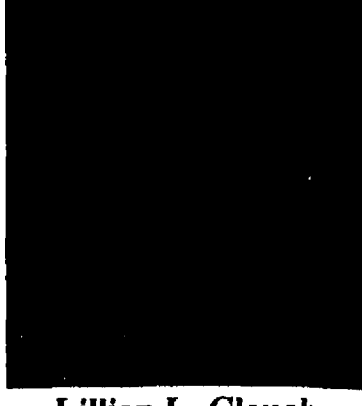
Jacqueline will be remembered as a devoted mother and grandmother by her family and as a dedicated nurse, by those whom she cared for during her many years of service.

Harold O. Glasslee

Harold O. Glasslee, 80, passed away on Monday, January 30, 2012.

A memorial luncheon will be held at the American Legion Post 106, Grayling, on Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 at 2 p.m. Food for luncheon would be appreciated.

A full obituary will appear in next week's edition of the Avalanche.



Lillian L. Clough

Lillian LaMotte Clough, passed away on January 27, 2012, in Grayling.

She was born to Frank and Eva LaMotte, logging camp cooks, in Garden, Michigan on December 27, 1908. The eldest of five sisters, she lived most of her life in Grayling.

Lilly graduated from high school in Dexter, Michigan. She was gifted in mathematics, English and music. In her later years she painted now sought after landscapes and played the electric organ to applause from her friends and family.

Lilly married Arthur George Clough of Wolverine on July 27, 1927, and had four children, Arthur, Jeanette, Barbara, and Kerrigan. She enjoyed the company of her sixteen grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Her greatest enjoyments were her art and music, her family and her "little house in Grayling". She was an accomplished cook, specializing in apple and berry pies and French meat pie. She was happiest berry picking in the forests or enjoying card games or conversation with friends and family. Lilly always said that laughter was the most important thing in life and that is what kept her young and alive and living to 103 years.

Lillian was predeceased by her parents; her husband; her son, Arthur Francis; two sisters, Isabella (Bummy) and Margaret (Boots); and a granddaughter, Ricky Nelson Kelly.

She is survived by daughters, Jeannette and Barbara; her son, Kerrigan; two sisters, Marie (Pete) and Sammy; and two daughters-in-law, Nancy (Kerrigan) and Shirley (Arthur). Her sons-in-law: Richard Nelson, Marty Kitchen, and Jim Verlinde also predeceased her.

Her surviving grandchildren are Mark, Michael, and Greg Nelson, Rebecca Nelson Bond, Kirtland Kitchen, Michelle Clough Feldhauser, Kathy Clough Belcher, Cindy Clough Wiseman, Arthur E. Clough, Steve, Craig, Dan, and Kelly Verlinde, Karole Jean Rosin and Nancy Clough Carr.

Funeral services were provided with care by the Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home and at the Roman Catholic Church of Grayling presided over with warmth and dignity by Father James Doherty on January 31, 2012.

Interment will occur in the spring.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the Grayling Nursing Home for their care, commitment, and the love shown toward Lilly in her last years. The family extends its appreciation to Terrie Lockwood of the Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home for the high quality funeral preparations and presentation. And, the family is deeply appreciative to Father Doherty for his kind and thoughtful care for our mother and our family. We sincerely thank the ladies of the Catholic church for the refreshing luncheon served at the parish hall following the service.

Donations are gladly accepted to perpetuate the Clough Scholarship Fund for graduating Grayling High School students.

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Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 64 complaints the week of Jan. 23 - Jan. 29.

One missing persons, fourteen general non-criminal complaints, three false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct fourth-degree forcible contact, one assault and battery/simple assault, one domestic violence, one burglary-forced entry-residence, four larcenies, one marijuana-possession, one minor in possession/consume/purchase attempt, four disorderly conduct complaints, two public peace/disorderly complaints, one anarchy complaint, one harassing communications, one OUIL/UBAL, one operating under the influence of

drugs, two portable signal preemption devices, one health and safety, one conservation, two animals out of season over the limit, two miscellaneous arrests, eight traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, one accident-fire, four investigations-family trouble and four suspicious situations.

Births

Nicole and Lee Schreiber, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter,

Kelsey Justine, born at Mercy Hospital on January 24, 2012 at 7:53 a.m.,

weighing 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and measuring 19 inches length.

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Obituaries

Dennis Reckinger

Dennis Howard Reckinger, 76, of Grayling, and University Park, Fla., died following a short illness Saturday, January 21, 2012 in his home in University Park, Fla., surrounded in love by his family.

He was born March 1, 1935 in Detroit to Dennis Anthony and Arvilla Grace (Ferguson) Reckinger.

He married Beverley "Joan" Patterson February 25, 1971 in Sarasota, Fla. Dennis was heartbroken by her death March 10, 2011.

Dennis grew up in Roseville and graduated in 1953 from Eastland High School in Roseville. He attended Detroit Institute of Technology on a basketball scholarship graduating with a Bachelors degree in Engineering.

He began his career with Midwest Rubber Company in 1957 and was dedicated to the corporation for over 53 years. He was a dedicated and hardworking businessman.

Dennis was an avid hunter and fisherman. His house is full of the many trophy mounts he harvested himself during his many hunting trips throughout the U.S. and Canada. He enjoyed golfing when he was able and he loved spending time on his boat. Dennis was a loving husband, father, friend, and loyal business partner and employer.

Dennis is survived by his

children: Denise (Cameron) Mackenzie of Lexington, Dina Wurmlinger of Lexington, Dennis Reckinger of Livonia, Jeffrey (Teresa) Reckinger of Sandusky, Gregory (Tammy) Reckinger of Locust Grove, Va.; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters due in the spring; his children's mother, Tootie Reckinger of Lexington. Dennis is also survived by his brother, David Reckinger of Warren; many nieces and nephews. Dennis is also survived by his faithful golden retriever, Abby.

Dennis is preceded in death by his sisters, Doraine Murray, Donna Mikolowski; brother, Doug Reckinger; and his loving and dedicated labradors: Corky, Dusty and Heidi Sue.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Rev. John Heim of Gagetown United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment will take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfurneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, Michigan.

Range Firing

There are no range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period Feb. 9-15:

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Feb. 9-10 and 14-15.

Card of Thanks

We are very honored to have been selected as the Grayling Chamber of Commerce Citizens of the Year.

Thank you Lisa for nominating the Chamber and for selecting us. We know we did not achieve our accomplishments in volunteering on our own. God our Father shows us the way and we try daily to follow

Card of Thanks

I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to the following people who helped me out of the ditch on I-75 northbound on Thursday morning Jan. 19, when there was a complete white-out.

To 911 for their help in calling a wrecker immediately to the scene since I

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his footsteps, with help from some other great volunteers. We thank God with all our heart.

We both sincerely believe God has great plans for Grayling and we intend to keep volunteering and helping where and when we are able.

Thank you again,
Rosemary and
Wayne Nelson

had to get a client to dialysis. To Ryan, from Phil's Towing who had to work hard to get me out. He did on a great job. And to the Police Department for waiting at the side of the road until we were out safely.

To all of you my heartfelt thanks.

Joan Davenport

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 3 - Lunch - chicken cordon bleu, boiled potatoes, asparagus and a banana. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and pool- 9 Ball.

Monday, Feb. 6 - Lunch - chicken tenders, scalloped potatoes, green beans and a fresh orange. Dinner - spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, cauliflower, garlic toast and pears. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 - Lunch - chicken stir-fry with rice, asparagus and pineapple. Dinner - baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, Italian blend vegetables and pineapple. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba

Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 - Lunch - bratwurst on a bun, sauerkraut, carrots and fruit cocktail. Dinner - BBQ chicken breasts, baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, blueberry yogurt and brownie. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Commodities at St. Mary's, 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool- Ball in Hand, Wii Bowling and Mahjong.

Thursday, Feb. 9 - Lunch - porcine meatballs, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wax beans, mandarin oranges and apple turnover. Dinner - pork chops, boiled redskins, peas, Prince Charles blend and applesauce. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokemo, 1 p.m. Wii Bowling at Rapid City, UNO Attack and UNLUCKY 7's, pool - 8 Ball, 3 p.m. Hilltop Manor Cardo.

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Jury delivers guilty verdict following emotional trial

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"All I recall is him holding onto his legs for dear life," Gravelle said of Mark.

Gravelle said he heard Mark warn his brother regarding the treatment of his wife.

"He said you're not going to hit her again. You're not going to hurt her again," Gravelle said.

Mark Easterle left the home and Paul Easterle followed carrying a 45-caliber pistol.

Paul Easterle claimed that Mark came at him and touched the end of the pistol before it was accidentally fired.

Gravelle said he saw Paul

Easterle rear back and fire the weapon.

Ayers argued that there was no forensic evidence, cuts or gunpowder burns, indicating that Mark touched the firearm.

After Mark was shot, Gravelle said he started cursing at Paul in disbelief. Paul then pointed the pistol at him and told him that he would be next if he did not shut up, Gravelle said.

Julie Gravelle said she tried to yell before the shot was fired, but the words never came out.

"I couldn't say it," Julie testified. "It was like a bad dream."

Richards said he saw the shooting as he was leading

Paul's Easterle's wife away.

Joan Easterle, Mark's wife, recalled seeing John Gravelle in shock, when he returned to the cabin.

"I'd never seen anybody's eyes like that," she said. "They were just huge."

Trooper Harold Terry II, from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police, and Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Alexander, were the first to respond to the scene after a 911 call was made following the shooting.

Alexander handcuffed Paul Easterle as he was trying to perform life saving measures to save his brother.

Terry took over administering first-aid. Terry, who is the first aide trainer assigned to his State Police Post, said Paul Easterle kept saying he was not covering the wound correctly. Terry said he had to hip check Easterle to move him away from himself and the rifle slung over his shoulder.

Although Mark was taken by the Frederic Fire Department EMS Service to Mercy Hospital Grayling, where he was pronounced dead, Terry believes he bled to death on his brother's porch.

"I heard him take his last breath," Terry testified. "It's a sound you never forget."

Grayling attorney Adam Vernon, Paul Easterle's defense attorney, argued that the shooting was an accident. He said the weapon was removed from the scene and he never took a defense posture with the police.

"He was clearly in the act of trying to save his brother's life," Vernon argued.

Paul Easterle claimed the 45-caliber pistol had a hair-trigger. Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Finstrom, who is trained to repair and fix guns, said a gun with a hair trigger takes less force than setting off a mousetrap to be fired. Finstrom said it took at least five to six pounds of force to pull the trigger on the pistol used in the shooting, which means the gun could not have been fired as easily as Paul Easterle claimed.

Paul Easterle also claimed that he removed one round from the pistol and pulled the slide half way back again, believing there was no bullet in the gun's chamber. The slide is the device on a pistol, which either ejects bullets

or pulls another bullet into the chamber of the weapon when the magazine is fully engaged.

As a rebuttal witness, Alexander said pulling the slide half way back would not allow a bullet to eject. He said the action would have resulted in another bullet being moved from the pistol's magazine to the chamber.

Paul Easterle said he was pointing the gun at an area between the slates on his porch. He said he had no intention to kill his brother or cause great bodily harm, claiming he brought the weapon out to scare him because he did not want to take another "beat down."

"That would have been the absolute last thing I wanted," Easterle said of causing his brother's death.

The bullet struck Mark Easterle in the femoral artery and vein. He fell to the ground and crouched down after being shot.

Ayers argued that when Mark Easterle was moved onto his back, that caused excessive bleeding from the wound.

Ayers questioned why Paul Easterle brought out the weapon and had his finger on the trigger. He suggested that Paul Easterle should have gone back into his home, locked the door and called the police.

Paul Easterle disputed the circumstances that he had intent to kill or wound his brother.

"All you're doing is grandstanding here trying to hang me," Easterle said on the stand.

Easterle claimed his hand was moving backwards, when he struck his wife, knocking off her glasses. That resulted in the domestic violence charge.

Over 70 firearms were removed from Paul Easterle's home following the shooting. He said he was certified as a federal firearms dealer for 22 years, along with his employment with General Motors as an engineer.

Joan Easterle said the family has returned to the cabin twice, to clean out the refrigerator and collect some of Mark's personal items. She said it was unclear if the cabin would ever be used as a vacation haven again since the family is still grieving from the tragic loss.

"My family is not ready," she said. "I'm not sure they'll ever be ready."

Easterle faces up to life in prison at a sentencing hearing, which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

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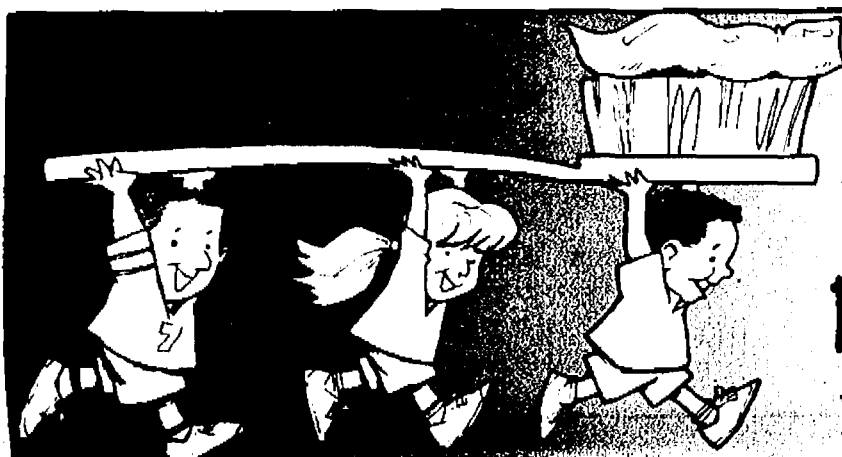
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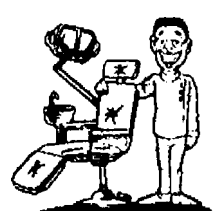
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Sentencings for January 2012

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Paul Steven Kolka, age 40 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Nov. 1, 2010, to child support failure to pay; sentenced on Jan. 9, 2012, to serve 270 days in jail with credit for 46 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs and \$25.60 late fee assessment.

Paul Steven Kolka, age 40 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Nov. 1, 2010, to child support failure to pay; sentenced on Jan. 9, 2012, to serve 270 days in jail with credit for 46 days served; ordered to pay \$68 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$160.60 late fee assessment.

Steven Spencer Rohraff, age 45 of Stanwood - Plead guilty on Dec. 5, 2011, to possession of a controlled substance; sentenced on Jan. 9, 2012, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs and \$20 restitution.

Richard Dean Donley, age 55 of St. Louis - Plead guilty on June 27, 2011, to child support failure to pay; sentenced on Jan. 9, 2012, to serve 13 months to 48 months in prison with credit for eight days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$174.60 late fee assessment.

Steven Richard Flinn, age 42 of Gaylord - Plead guilty on Dec. 5, 2011, to child support failure to pay; sentenced on Jan. 9, 2012, to 365 days in jail with credit for 85 days served; \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68

state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 18 months.

Laurelee Charlotte Respecki, age 68 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Dec. 5, 2011, to police officer-assault; sentenced on Jan. 9, 2012, to serve 30 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs, \$69.40 restitution and \$500 penal fine; placed on probation for 12 months.

Gail Susan Ray, age 46 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Jan. 12, 2012, to stolen

property receiving and concealing \$200; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$1,000 restitution, \$53 state minimum costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$325 circuit court costs and \$250 penal fine.

Wayne Ross, age 65 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Dec. 5, 2011, to operating under the influence of liquor/per-se-third offense; sentenced on Jan. 9, 2012, to serve 180 days in jail with credit for 12 days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$325 circuit court costs, \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs and \$500 penal fine; placed on probation for 18 months.

Avery Robert Parker, age 46 of Roscommon - Convicted by a jury on Dec. 1, 2011, for criminal sexual conduct first-degree multiple variables, unlawful imprisonment, criminal sexual conduct fourth-degree force/coercion, domestic violence-aggravated assault and found guilty by the court for being a habitual offender-fourth conviction; sentenced on Jan. 9, 2012, to serve 20 years to 40 years in prison with credit for 240 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$272 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

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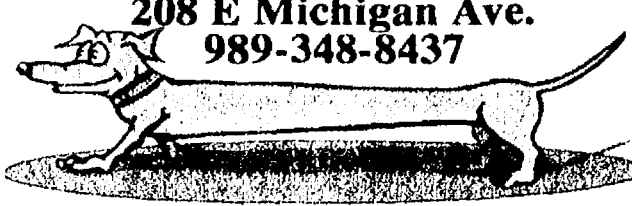
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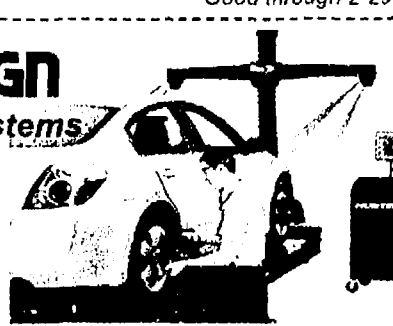
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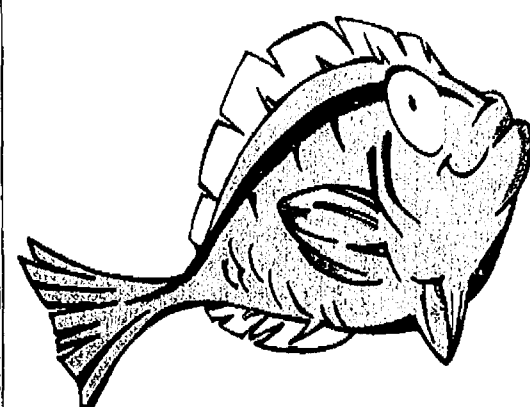


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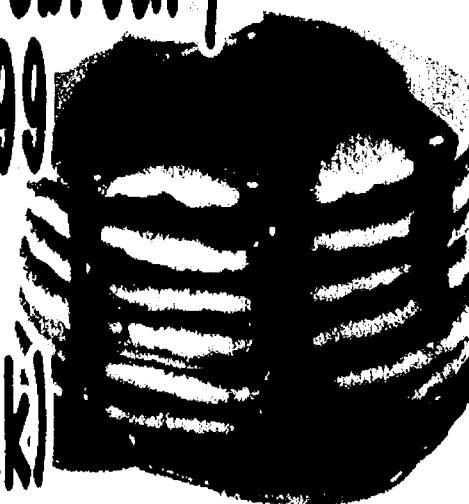


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Linda Northrop

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The Nelsons were honored to receive the award, but said giving to the community is a matter of faith rather than keeping busy as retirees.

"It's nothing that we do ourselves," Rose Mary said. "We are just put in the position by God to follow in his footsteps and help out whenever we can."

Rose Mary said she was motivated to support the community after coming back from a war zone.

"After coming back from Iraq, it just reminded you of how fortunate we are for what we have as a community," she said.

Wayne was humbled to get the recognition. The couple also received a state proclamation signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, Rep. Peter Petallia, R-Alpena, and Sen. John Moolenaar, R-Midland.

"I was surprised and honored," Wayne said. "It must have been a tough choice."

Ironically, the Nelsons, who help move Grayling forward, met over a request for directions. Wayne, who was based in Paris with the U.S. Air Force, was on a weekend trip to London in December 1956. Rose Mary intervened when she heard people giving Wayne the wrong directions. He then asked her to join him while

seeing the sites of London.

"I didn't even know he was an American because I had just moved to London," Rose Mary said.

The airman and his date attended the Picka Deli Circus. They also went to the St. James Park, the oldest royal park in London. Wayne gave Rose Mary a kiss after he helped her get over a picket fence.

Over the course of several months, Wayne wrote letters to Rose Mary. Her aunt encouraged her to invite Wayne back to London.

"We wrote letters and talked on the phone because that's how you did it back then," Wayne said.

The Nelsons were married in London on Dec. 26, 1957. They have three children, Dean Alan Nelson, Jayne Anne Hall and David Wayne Nelson, as well as two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Wayne spent 25 years, one month and one day in the U.S. Air Force, working as an auto mechanic and scheduled maintenance for other equipment.

As a civilian, Wayne first had jobs delivering flowers and peddling newspapers. He then landed a job working at the Chanute Air Force Base in Champaign, Ill. as a janitor. Wayne later moved to take a job as a supply clerk and warehouse man-

ager for a bowling center located on the base.

Rose Mary became involved with the Post Exchange at the air force base, first in security then worked in retail and in training.

After Wayne worked at the air force base for a dozen years, the Chanute Air Force Base, was closed.

Rose Mary transferred to the Selfridge U.S. National Guard Air Force Base, located in southeast Michigan. Wayne stayed behind to wrap up their affairs and sell the home.

"The housing market overflowed, and we took a beating on it because we sold the house for less than what we had invested into it," he said.

After falling in love with Grayling, Rose Mary's request to be transferred to Camp Grayling was granted in 1994.

Former Camp Grayling Post Commander Col. Joseph Lagrow presented Rose Mary with the Legion of Merit Award, for bolstering the items the Post Exchange offered.

"I wanted to make it so the soldiers could stay on camp and get what they needed so they could focus on their training," Rose Mary said.

Rose Mary also received a Meritorious Service Award

from the military after she went to work in Iraq. Rose Mary said the troops told her daily that she served as a reminder of their grandmothers, mothers, aunts and sisters.

"I was there for the troops," Rose Mary said. "It was very safe, but we were scared for the troops."

An area called "Wayne's Landing," which overlooks the East Branch of the AuSable River, was dedicated to honor Wayne's development of the Grayling Nature Park, trails and service to Grayling Charter Township.

"It's an honor," he said. "A lot of people mention it."

The Nelsons have been associate members of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce for several years.

Along with volunteering and finding information for people, the Nelsons are focused on recruiting others to support the community.

"We want to get people motivated to help preserve what we have that makes this such a great town," Rose Mary said.

Others nominees for the 2011 Citizen of the Year Award included Brian Ashton, Doug Baum, Lucy McCraven, Lynn and Gary McConnell, Gary Rapelje and Mike Shearer.

Honors

Franklin University

A Kirtland Community College student, Veronica Louchart, of Grayling, was awarded a bachelor's degree at a commencement ceremony Sunday, January 8, 2011. However, the degree awarded was not from Kirtland Community College, but rather from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. She completed her bachelor degree by participating in a unique educational alliance between Kirtland Community College and Franklin University. The bachelor's degree completion program allows students in the U.S. to combine on campus coursework at their local community college with online classes through Franklin to complete their degree.

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GMS names students of the month



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46th Circuit Trial Court

Sentencings for January 2012

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Tony Lane Vaden, age 51 of Gaylord - Plead guilty on Dec. 8, 2011, to controlled substance possession of marijuana; sentenced on Jan. 12, 2012, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$350 attorney fee, \$325 circuit court costs, \$68 state minimum costs and \$500 penal fine.

James Thomas Gault, age 24 of Grayling - Plead

guilty on Dec. 8, 2011, to police officer fleeing third-degree, police officer assault causing injury and found guilty by the court for being a habitual offender second conviction; sentenced on Jan. 12, 2012, to 365 days in jail with credit for 125 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$350 attorney fee, \$68 state minimum costs and \$2,388.12 restitution; placed on probation for 24 months.

Mindy Sue Bordeaux, age

21 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Nov. 21, 2011, to home invasion second-degree; sentenced on Jan. 23, 2012, to serve 300 days in jail with credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$68 state minimum costs, \$130 crime victim rights fee and \$14,904.62 restitution; placed on probation for 24 months.

Mindy Sue Bordeaux, age 21 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Nov. 21, 2011, to witness-intimidating; sentenced on Jan. 23, 2012, to serve 300 days in jail with

credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee and \$68 state minimum costs; placed on probation for 24 months.

Mindy Sue Bordeaux, age 21 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Nov. 21, 2011, to police officer assault; sentenced on Jan. 23, 2012, to serve 300 days in jail with credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

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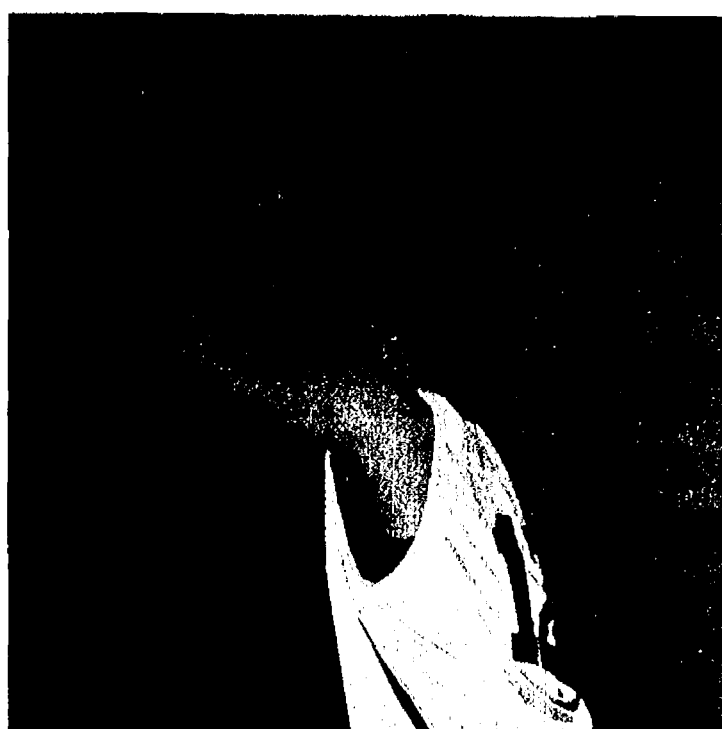
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Riley Zigila, left, dribbles the ball for the Vikings during last Tuesday's league game vs. the Charlevoix Rayders. Zane Tobin, right, takes a three-point shot for Grayling on Tuesday night.

Clutch plays, free throws win it for Grayling vs. Rayders

Vikings edge Charlevoix 70-68 in Tuesday's league game

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Early on, both teams – the Grayling Vikings and the Charlevoix Rayders – had trouble putting the ball in the basket. Then, in quarters two through four, the squads combined for 14 three-pointers in a varsity boys basketball contest that ultimately came down to which team could make plays in the final seconds of the fourth quarter.

Grayling made enough plays down the stretch and converted its crunch time free throws – the team was 7 for 8 from the line in the last 2:10 of regulation – and the Vikings won by two, 70-68, during Tuesday's league game vs. the Rayders.

The Vikings started the contest with a 6-0 run, scoring on a lay-up by Riley Zigila and inside shots from Thomas Burrell and Steven Enos. Charlevoix hit a three-pointer. The Rayders scored a two-point bucket after nearly two scoreless minutes of clock time. Zane Tobin scored for GHS on an inside shot. Charlevoix converted three free throws, tying the game at 8-8. Griffin Dean hit two free throws. Grayling ended the first period with a 6-0 run, scoring on inside shots from Zigila and Devon Dawson and a jumper by Zigila.

Grayling led 16-10 at the end of the first quarter.

The Vikings led by four, 32-28, at half-time. Burrell, Jake Swander, Tobin, and Zigila scored points for the Vikings in the second period.

Charlevoix opened the second half with a three-pointer. Enos scored for Grayling on an inside shot. Tyler McClanahan hit a three-pointer.

The Rayders hit triples at the 6:48 mark and the 6:07 mark to tie the game at 37-37. Enos scored on an inside shot. Charlevoix hit another three-pointer at the 5:18 mark to lead by one. Tobin made a three-point shot – his third of the game – to put the Vikings up by two.

The Rayders converted one of two at the free-throw line. Zigila scored on a drive to the basket. Charlevoix made an inside shot. Tobin, at the 3:20 mark, scored another triple for Grayling.

With 1:40 left in the third period, Tobin, fouled on a three-point shot, converted all three free throws to give the Vikings a 53-47 advantage. Tobin hit his fifth triple of the game at the 1:21 mark, giving GHS a 56-47 lead. Charlevoix answered with a three-pointer – its fifth of the third period – to pull back within six. Tobin hit two free throws and Grayling led by eight. The Rayders scored the last basket of the third quarter.

Grayling led 58-52 going into the final eight minutes of regulation.

Charlevoix scored first in the fourth period. McClanahan hit one of two from the free-throw line. Tobin scored on a jump shot. Grayling led 61-54 with 7:10 remaining.

Neither team scored for approximately 1:40.

Charlevoix hit a triple, the start of what would eventually be a 9-0 run. Grayling had a scoring drought that lasted nearly five minutes of clock time. With 2:46 remaining, the Rayders led 63-61.

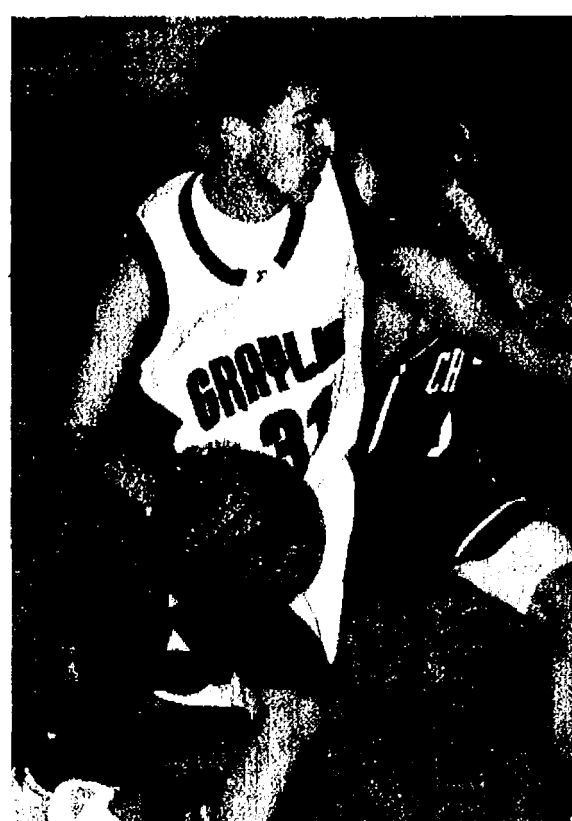
Tobin scored on a jump shot at the 2:35 mark. Zigila hit one of two at the free-throw line and GHS led by one with 2:07 left.

Charlevoix scored on a lay-up following a steal, giving the Rayders a 65-64 lead with 1:19 remaining. Charlevoix knocked the ball loose and forced a tie-up; the possession arrow favored the Rayders. Tobin stole the ball from the Charlevoix ball carrier and the Rayders fouled him immediately. Tobin, on a one and one free throw opportunity at the 0:29 mark, hit both shots to give the Vikings a 66-65 lead.

Charlevoix turned the ball over and fouled McClanahan following the in-bounds play. McClanahan converted both free throws with 21 seconds remaining, giving GHS a three-point lead. The Rayders missed a three-point shot attempt at the other end and Tobin rebounded the ball for the Vikings. Charlevoix fouled him and he made both free throws, giving Grayling a 70-65 lead with six seconds left in the fourth quarter. Charlevoix made a three-point basket just before time expired, but Grayling held on to win 70-68.

"Great league game. Our team did a great job of making plays down the stretch to seal the victory. I was very pleased with our 8 of 10 free throw shooting in the fourth quarter," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Zane (Tobin) played an outstanding game, hitting some big free throws down the stretch. Riley Zigila was outstanding at both ends of the court. Tyler McClanahan hit some key pressure free throws. We had a number of people contribute in this win."

According to the team, Tobin had 32 points and 10 rebounds. Zigila finished with 15 points and five steals. Enos and Dean had eight rebounds apiece. Enos led the team in assists with six.



Scout Tobin dribbles the ball for the JV squad vs. Charlevoix.

JV TEAM MOVES TO 10-0 WITH TWO LEAGUE WINS

Boys basketball squad defeats Charlevoix, East Jordan

Ten down, 10 to go. Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team defeated Charlevoix and East Jordan last week, improving the squad's overall record to 10-0 at the halfway point in the team's schedule.

On Tuesday night, the JV Vikings built a double-digit lead in the first quarter and maintained it for the rest of the contest, beating the visiting Charlevoix Rayders 56-41 in a game played at GHS.

Grayling outscored Charlevoix 17-6 in the first period. The Vikings scored their 17 with a three-point play by Peyton Zigila, two inside shots by Michael Branch, a jumper by Matt Burrell, put-backs by Tyler Summers and Scott Wakeley, and an inside shot by Summers.

The Vikings outscored the Rayders 13-4 in the second quarter, tallying nine unanswered points during a four-minute span. Zigila, Burrell, Scout Tobin, Mitchell Thompson, and Branch scored points for Grayling in the period.

Grayling had a 30-10 advantage at half-time.

The Vikings led by 22, 45-23, at the end of the third quarter. Geoff Wilson, Branch, Wakeley, Burrell, Tobin, Zigila, and Thompson scored points for Grayling.

The Vikings opened the fourth quarter with a 7-0 run, scoring on an inside shot by Summers, a triple by Wakeley, and a drive by Burrell. Charlevoix scored the next six points. Burrell hit two free throws and Tobin scored on a lay-up.

Charlevoix outscored Grayling 12-0 in the final four minutes of regulation, but the Vikings won by 15, 56-41.

Eight different players scored points for Grayling: Branch (10), Burrell (10), Summers (8), Wakeley (7), Tobin (7), Zigila (7), Wilson (4), Thompson (3). Zigila had 11 rebounds and Branch had eight rebounds.

On Thursday night, the Vikings won 75-34 at East Jordan.

Wakeley had 16 points. Wilson also scored 16 points for GHS. Justice Junttila had 15 points. Branch finished with 11 points.

Grayling (10-0 overall, 6-0 league) will play at Harbor Springs on Thursday, Feb. 2.



Jake Swander, left, handles the ball for Grayling during Friday's game against East Jordan. Tyler McClanahan, right, shoots a three-pointer for the Vikings vs. the Red Devils.



VARSITY SQUAD WINS 55-34 VS. RED DEVILS

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS varsity boys basketball team held the visiting East Jordan Red Devils to 10 points in the first half during a 55-34 league victory on Friday night.

Grayling led 16-6 at the end of the first quarter. The Vikings scored their 16 with two three-pointers from Zane Tobin, a triple by Tyler McClanahan, an inside shot by Jake Swander, a put-back by Griffin Dean, and free throws from Tobin and Dean.

The two teams combined for 13 points in a low scoring second period. Thomas Burrell, Riley Zigila, McClanahan, and Scott

Parkinson scored points for the Vikings in the quarter.

Grayling led 25-10 at halftime.

The Vikings outscored East Jordan 19-11 in the third period. Grayling scored its 19 points with (in order) one free throw by Burrell, a triple by Tobin, drives by McClanahan and Zigila, one free throw from Steven Enos, an inside shot by Parkinson, a put-back by Enos, two more baskets by Parkinson, and an inside shot by Tobin.

Grayling had a 23-point advantage, 44-21, going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings won by 21, 55-34. Enos, Tobin, Dean, Parkinson, Burrell, and Devon Dawson

scored points for Grayling in the final eight minutes of regulation.

"Pleased with our defensive intensity throughout the game. A number of players received a lot of playing time today," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Tobin had 15 points and six rebounds. Enos had seven points, nine rebounds, six assists, and five steals. Burrell had seven points and eight rebounds. Parkinson had seven points and five rebounds. McClanahan finished with seven points. Dean had five points and eight rebounds.

The Vikings (8-3 overall, 5-2 league) will host Harbor Springs on Friday, Feb. 3.

Lake Michigan Conference

Boys Basketball

St. Francis	6-0
Elk Rapids	5-1
Boyer City	5-2
GRAYLING	5-2
Charlevoix	3-4
Harbor Springs	2-5
East Jordan	1-6
Kalkaska	0-7

Last week's scores

Grayling 70, Charlevoix 68
Grayling 55, East Jordan 34
Boyer City 74, Harbor Springs 65
Boyer City 61, Kalkaska 13
St. Francis 77, Charlevoix 70
East Jordan 64, Kalkaska 43
Elk Rapids 72, Harbor Springs 58



Tyler Summers takes an inside shot for Grayling on Tuesday.

Vikings erase early deficit, win 61-49

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball team won one and lost one last week, defeating Charlevoix on the road on Tuesday and falling to East Jordan at home on Friday.

On Tuesday night, the Vikings trailed early but battled back to win 61-49 vs. the Rayders in a league game played at Charlevoix.

"We played a very tough game. Being on their home court, the Rayders came out firing as they were 3 for 3 from three-point land to start the game. Charlevoix was hot and jumped out to a 15-point lead in the first. I was very proud of my girls because they systematically fought back," Coach Joe Powers said. "We took two time-outs during Charlevoix's run to start the game and we said that we were playing okay. Our shots weren't falling and theirs were; however, no one shoots 100 percent for the game."

"Our press was causing havoc for them and in the second quarter we started converting on our shots. By half, we cut the deficit to three. Coming out of half-time we wanted to just keep playing the right way. We were able to take the lead by the end of the third quarter and eventually stretched out the lead. Our biggest

lead was at the end of the game, winning by 12," Coach Powers said.

Jo Hamlin had 18 points and eight rebounds for GHS. Cierra Prosser had 13 points. Alyssa Morley had 12 points.

"Our girls played a very physical team tonight in Charlevoix. Even though Charlevoix made a lot of shots to start the game, our girls kept working hard and eventually got the lead. It was a great win for us, especially on the road," Coach Powers said.

On Friday night, the Vikings fell 61-47 vs. the visiting Red Devils of East Jordan.

Grayling led 12-10 with 2:50 remaining in the first quarter, but East Jordan ended the period with a 9-0 run.

The Red Devils scored six of the second period's first eight points to run its lead into double digits. East Jordan led by nine, 33-24, at halftime.

The Vikings scored their 12 first quarter points with an inside shot by Caitlin Prosser, a three-pointer by Morley, free throws by Caitlin Prosser and Hamlin, a put-back by Josie Swander, and an inside shot by Maddie Benardo.

Grayling scored 12 points in the second period with an

inside shot by Benardo, a lay-up by Caitlin Prosser, a lay-up by Hamlin, a jump shot by Swander, and two baskets by Cierra Prosser.

The Vikings battled back in the third quarter, cutting East Jordan's lead to six, 47-41. Grayling scored 17 points in the period with a put-back by Hamlin, a jumper by Morley, a drive by Hamlin, a jump shot by Hamlin, a put-back by Benardo, a triple by Cierra Prosser, another jumper from Hamlin, and free throws by Morley and Hamlin.

Grayling scored the first two points of the fourth quarter with two free throws from Hamlin, cutting East Jordan's advantage to four. The Red Devils answered with a jump shot. Hamlin hit an inside shot for GHS at the 7:06 mark, pulling Grayling back within four.

In the final seven minutes of regulation East Jordan outscored Grayling 12-2 to win by 14, 61-47.

"East Jordan is a very tough team with quick guards and strong posts. We knew it would be an extremely difficult game for us but we put everything we had into it. East Jordan had the lead the entire game but we cut it to four late in the third quarter. We just couldn't get any closer.

Lake Michigan Conference

Girls Basketball

St. Francis	7-0
Kalkaska	6-1
Elk Rapids	5-2
East Jordan	4-3
GRAYLING	2-5
Harbor Springs	2-5
Charlevoix	1-6
Boyer City	1-6

Last week's scores
Grayling 61, Charlevoix 49
East Jordan 61, Grayling 47
Boyer City 62, Harbor Springs 51
Kalkaska 81, Boyer City 58
St. Francis 48, Charlevoix 35
Kalkaska 55, East Jordan 53
Elk Rapids 53, Harbor Springs 35
St. Francis 53, Elk Rapids 48

They were extremely tough down in the low post. Teams with good posts create a lot of problems for us since we aren't very big," Coach Powers said.

Hamlin had 21 points and six rebounds. Cierra Prosser had seven points and five assists. Swander had 11 rebounds.

"The girls played really hard. Since about half of our team is sick right now, it was a gritty effort. We have to give a lot of respect to East Jordan because they played really well," Coach Powers said.

The Vikings (6-7 overall, 2-5 league) will host Harbor Springs at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3.



Maddie Benardo takes an inside shot for the Vikings vs. East Jordan.



Alyssa Morley handles the ball for Grayling on Friday.

JV GIRLS FALL TO CHARLEVOIX, EAST JORDAN

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball squad lost to Charlevoix and East Jordan in road games last week.

On Tuesday, the Vikings fell 54-30 at Charlevoix.

Tandy Mitchell had eight points and three assists. Makayla Cragg had six points, five rebounds, and

three steals. Sam Denno had six points, seven rebounds, and two blocks.

"We are playing better and better, but simple mistakes and turnovers continue to haunt us. The girls did play hard the whole game, only losing the second half by a score of 18-23. I am proud

of the way they continue to work and never give up. Every day we are making strides and getting better. I'm excited to see everything start to come together here in the second part of the season," Coach Brooke Knight said.

On Thursday night, East Jordan edged Grayling 35-29.

Mitchell had 11 points, two rebounds, and two steals. Cragg had five points, six rebounds, five steals, and one block.

"We put together a great game tonight with smart defense, better shooting, and fewer turnovers. It was a tough battle and we had a good chance at coming back but

gave up too many offensive rebounds down the stretch. East Jordan was a solid team, but I think we gained a great experience tonight by playing in a very competitive game," Coach Knight said.

The Vikings (1-11 overall, 1-5 league) will play at Harbor Springs on Thursday, Feb. 2.

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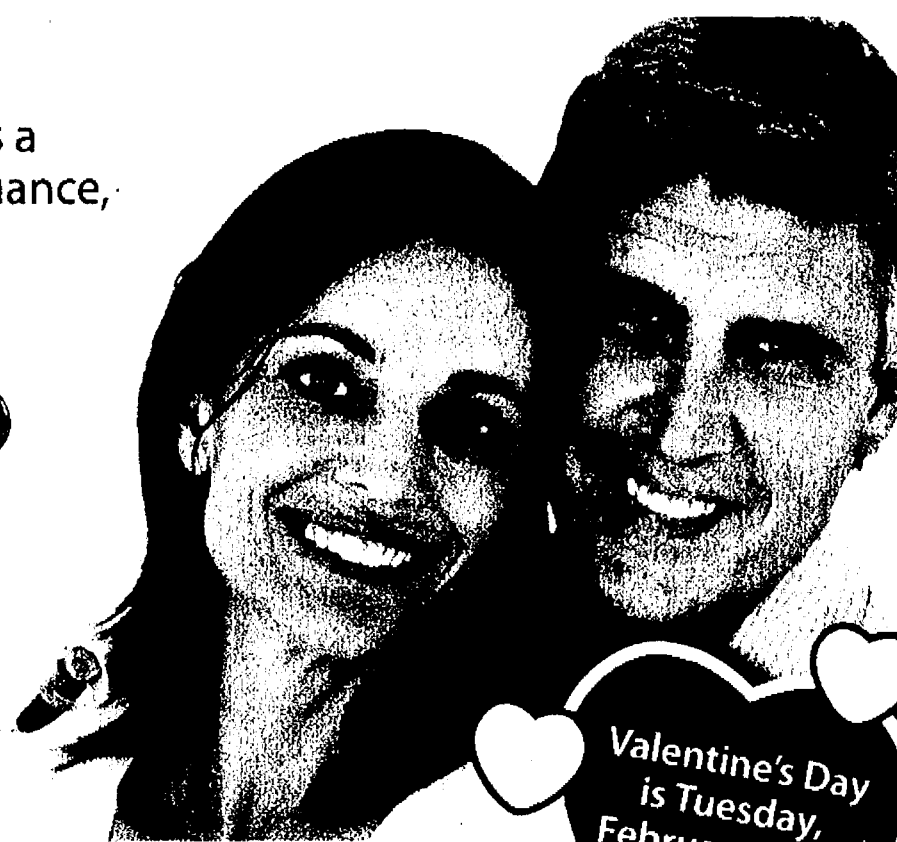
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Elle Smith competes in the slalom event during Thursday's meet at Schuss.



John Hilbrecht makes a turn during one of his giant slalom runs on Thursday.



Tab Watkins passes a gate during Thursday's slalom event at Schuss.

Ski teams place 4th of six during league meet at Schuss



Curtis Wilson races in the giant slalom event for GHS on Thursday.

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams both placed fourth out of six squads during last Thursday's Lake Michigan Conference meet at Schuss Mountain, a competition that featured a lot of DNFs due to slippery racing conditions.

In the boys' competition Manistee-St. Francis won both the slalom and giant slalom (GS) events to finish first overall. Harbor Springs took second in both events. Boyne City took third and Grayling was fourth. Elk Rapids and Charlevoix-East Jordan finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

John Hilbrecht took 16th in slalom and 13th in GS for the Vikings. Curtis Wilson placed 12th

in GS and 21st in slalom. Michael Macfalda finished 20th in slalom. Jordan Bulmer took 19th in GS. Luke Petrosky was 23rd in slalom.

Harbor Springs won both events in the girls' competition to place first overall. Manistee-St. Francis was second in both events. Boyne City took third and Grayling was fourth. Charlevoix-East Jordan placed fifth and Elk Rapids finished sixth.

Emily Wingard took 7th in slalom and 16th in GS. Elle Smith finished 10th in GS and 14th in slalom. Alex Baudoux was 16th in slalom and 22nd in GS. Randi Lemaster and Rachel Jensen finished 18th and 24th in GS, respectively.



Rachel Jensen competes in the slalom event at Schuss.



Jordan Bulmer goes around a gate during Thursday's slalom competition.



Emily Wingard makes a turn during one of her giant slalom runs at Schuss.



Michael Macfalda skis for Grayling in the giant slalom event on Thursday.

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SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST, 229.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 250.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST ON THE SECTION LINE, 229.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 250.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. PARCEL "A-2" BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ON THE SECTION LINE, 989.4 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST,

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charged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is NOT an attempt to collect that debt. You are presently in default under your Mortgage Security Agreement, and the Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law. You have no legal obligation to pay amounts due under the discharged note. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below. Attention: The following notice shall apply only if the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7ec of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc. Attention: Rex H. Thomas and Karen R. Thomas, regarding the property at 200 Peninsular, Grayling, MI 49738. The following notice does not apply if you have previously agreed to modify the mortgage loan under section 3205b, 3205a, 3205b and 3205c do not apply unless the terms of the modified mortgage loan entered into were complied with for one year after the date of the modification. You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. is the designee with authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at: 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123. You may also contact a housing counselor. For more information, contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.michigan.gov/mshda or calling (866) 946-7432. If you request a meeting with Potestivo & Associates, P.C. within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure pro-

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sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 22, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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NOTICE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WAYNE F. GRODE and CHERYL A. GRODE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2008, and recorded on July 9, 2008, in Liber 692, on Page 282, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$76,197.63), including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 7, 2012. Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: THE WEST 165 FEET OF THE EAST 495 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 GMAC.009594 (02-02)(02-23)

-2-9-16-23

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The Mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage given by Keith Thorpe and Margaret Thorpe, husband and wife, whose address is 6530 E.

County Road 612, Grayling, MI 49738, as Mortgagees, to National City Bank of the Midwest, now known as PNC Bank, National Association, of One Financial Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49009, as Mortgagee, dated July 15, 2005, and recorded on July 19, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 351, Crawford County Records; and subsequently assigned to Land Holding, LLC, of 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2707, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 18, 2011, and recorded on December 13, 2011, in Liber 707, Page 166, Crawford County Records (the "Mortgage"). The balance owing on the Mortgage is One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine and 26/100 Dollars (\$117,979.26) at the date of this notice. No suit or proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage.

Notice is given that on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the applicable statutes, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises at public auction to the highest bidder in the Main Lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan (which is the building where the Circuit Court for Crawford County is held). The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at the rate of 5.0% per annum, all legal costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees allowed by law and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The premises to be sold at the foreclosure is all of that real estate and improvements situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, described as:

Commencing at a point North 55 degrees East 121 feet from the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West for a Place of Beginning; thence North 14 degrees West 100 feet; thence North 54 degrees 14 minutes East 300 feet; thence South 13 degrees 19 minutes East 100 feet; thence South 55 degrees West 300 feet to the Place of Beginning; ALSO a parcel of land commencing 150 feet Northeasterly of the Bank of the North Branch of AuSable River in Section 19; thence in a Northeasterly direction 445 feet, being 66 feet in width and part of the abandoned Twin Lakes & Northeastern Railroad Right of Way.

Parcel ID No. 010-12-019-03-245-00

Commonly known as: 6530 E. County Road 612, Grayling, MI 49738.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the Mortgagees will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 2, 2012
LAND HOLDING, LLC
By: PLUNKETT COONEY
Joseph M. Ammar (P41972)
Attorneys for Land Holding, LLC
950 Trade Centre Way, Suite 310
Kalamazoo, MI 49002
(269) 226-8845

-2-9-16-23-1

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Merle L. Morgan and Judy K. Morgan husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2007, and recorded on August 15, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 126, and assigned by said Mortgagee to OneWest Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five and 15/100 Dollars (\$65,355.15), including interest at 1.12% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling,**

Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 33 feet East of the Northeast corner of Brinks Par, thence East 450 feet on the South 1/8 line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West for the point of beginning; thence East along said 1/8 line a distance of 159.5 feet to the intersection of said 1/8 line and the West boundary line of I-75 Highway, thence Southwesterly along said right of way to a point that is 200 feet due South of the said 1/8 line, thence due West and parallel to the 1/8 line a distance of 127.5 feet, thence due North 200 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the North 200 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, lying West of I-75 right of way. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 2, 2012 For more information, please call: FCF (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #384884F01 (02-02)(02-23)

-2-9-16-23

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by HARRY N. EBERLE as Mortgagor, to NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated August 28, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on September 12, 2006, in Liber 683 at Page 88, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$36,382.23, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 10 a.m., at the front door of the Crawford County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 7.125 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

LOT 4, BLOCK 9, OF HADLEY'S AMENDED ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 01 OF PLATS, PAGE 08, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 27, 2011
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511

-19-26-2-9

Notice Of Mortgage

Foreclosure Sale
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the

return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul G Berezney and Janie H Berezney, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 18, 2002, and recorded on December 31, 2002 in Liber 614 on Page 281, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-One and 21/100 Dollars (\$65,931.21), including interest at 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 17: Being a part of Section 13, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 13 for a Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 30 seconds West 673.65 feet; thence North 01 degrees 00 minutes West, 650.28 feet, thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East, 673.65 feet; thence South 1 degrees 00 minutes East, 650.2 feet to Point of Beginning. Subject to a 33.0 foot easement over the Southerly side for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 19, 2012 For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #384270F02 (01-19)(02-09)**

-19-26-2-9

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Maureen L. Barry, A Single Person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2006, and recorded on October 23, 2006 in Liber 683 on Page 806, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HSI Asset Loan Obligation Trust 2007-WF1 as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 14, 2011, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven and 91/100 Dollars (\$48,587.91), including interest at 8.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on February 15, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 300 feet of the Northwest 3/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town North, Range 3 West, Lying West of the**

Middle Thread of the East Branch of the Ausable River. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 12, 2012 For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #392322F01 (01-12)(02-02)

-12-19-26-2

STATE OF MICHIGAN 87-C JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 11-7833-SP

Court address 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738

Court telephone no. 989-344-3242

Plaintiff
THE MARVIN L. WILKIE TRUST AGREEMENT, DATED 6/25/96, MARJORIE WILKIE, CO-TRUSTEE

1486 W. Intermediate Lake Dr., Central Lake, MI.

Plaintiff's attorney

John H. McKaig, II, P24701

103 E. State Street, PO Box 330

Mancelona, MI. 49659-0330

v

Defendant

PETER C. WEBSTER

3427 WOODLAND AVE.

ROYAL OAK, MI 48073

TO: PETER C. WEBSTER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to recover possession, after Land Contract forfeiture. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 12, 2012. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Crawford County Avalanche three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. and/or process server shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at electrical pole located on vacant property as described in the Complaint and for one week, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to PETER C. WEBSTER at the last-known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Date 1/23/12

Judge MONTE J. BURMEISTER

P48732

-2-9-16

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING (NOTICE TO PUTATIVE FATHER)

CASE NO. 12-4009-NA
PETITION NO. 01

IN THE MATTER OF:

Angel Helsel, DOB: 12/12/11

TAKE NOTICE:

A petition has been filed with this court regarding the following minors(s):

Angel Helsel who was born on 12/12/2011 at an unknown residence in Kalkaska, Michigan.

The mother of the minor(s) is

Heather Helsel. If you are or may be the natural father, you should appear at Crawford County Courthouse-Family Division on February 15, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. to state any interest you may have in the minor(s). Failure to appear at this hearing is a denial of interest in the minor(s), waiver of notice for all subsequent hearings, and a waiver of a right to appointment of an attorney. Failure to appear at this hearing **COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING (NOTICE TO PUTATIVE FATHER)

CASE NO. 12-4009-NA

PETITION NO. 01

IN THE MATTER OF:

Marie Helsel, DOB: 08/04/09

TAKE NOTICE:

A petition has been filed with this court regarding the following minors(s):

Marie Helsel who was born on 08/04/2009.

The mother of the minor(s) is

Heather Helsel. If you are or may be the natural father, you should appear at Crawford County Courthouse-Family Division on February 15, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. to state any interest you may have in the minor(s). Failure to appear at this hearing is a denial of interest in the minor(s), waiver of notice for all subsequent hearings, and a waiver of a right to appointment of an attorney. Failure to appear at this hearing **COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 12-4009-NA

PETITION NO. 01

IN THE MATTER OF:

A hearing regarding Angel Helsel, DOB: 12/12/2011, and Marie Helsel, DOB: 08/04/2009 will be conducted by the court on February 15, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. in Crawford County Family Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan before Hon. Monte J. Burnmeister, P-48732.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Heather Helsel personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in the permanent termination of your parental rights over the above named minor children.

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SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP January 24, 2012 Special Board Meeting Unapproved

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. Attending: L. Luck, George, Musselman, Janisse and S. Luck. Absent: None. Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to accept agenda with changes. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

No public comment. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 at South Branch Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48853 on February 14th, 2012 in conjunction with the regular board meeting. Final adoption of the 2012-2013 budget will take place during the annual meeting, scheduled to follow the regular meeting of March 13th, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or calling Lynn George Clerk, South Branch Township Hall, P.O. Box 806, Roscommon, MI 48853. (989) 275-8232.

Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



February 2, 1989 - Are you contemplating taking the Polar Bear Plunge this year? Tim Hickey and Jayson Welser thought a minute last year in six degrees above zero before they jumped in.

23 Years Ago February 2, 1989

Voters from the Crawford-Ogemaw-Roscommon Intermediate School District approved one mill for one year to build a facility to replace six 20-year old portable classrooms. The new facility will be used to educate mentally impaired students.

A 1987 Ford Ranger, stolen on Jan. 22, was recovered by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff deputies received a call on

Monday, Jan. 23, from a Lovells resident who spotted the truck parked on Bald Hill Road.

On Jan. 12, former County Commissioner Garland "Bud" Joyce was recognized by the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development Commission and commended for his ingenuity and his continued interest in the welfare of the citizens of Crawford County.

The GHS volleyball team moved into second place in

the league with a win over Gaylord 15-11, 15-11, 15-13 last Wednesday. Patti Tremblay led with 15 serves. Deanna Phelps added 10, Nikki Trenary 9, Heather Stevenson 8, Sheryl Klinger 6, Cheryl Barber 6 and Heather Pelton had 6.

46 Years Ago February 3, 1966

Fred Bear of the Bear Archery Company, has been named to the Sporting Goods Industry Hall of Fame. This is the highest honor that can be given to a sporting goods manufacturer.

Nila Moggo is replacing Bonnie Kucharek at the Grayling Restaurant as of this week.

The Frederic Eagles basketball team lost a game to Central Lake on Monday, Jan. 25. The final score was 67 - 89. They were able to double their score in the fourth quarter but it proved to be a vain attempt.

Coastguardsman Bill Borchers was accompanying a fellow Coastguardsman in the latter's plane from Traverse City back to their base at the Soo Monday when the engine became overheated and the plane made a forced landing at the Kalkaska Airport, which was not

snowplowed, causing the plane to tip over. No injuries resulted fortunately to the two men.

69 Years Ago February 4, 1943

W. McEvers of Grayling is working at the Douglas Motel, having replaced Wilbert Smith who has returned to Johannesburg.

Last Friday, Grayling's Green Wave gained sweet revenge in conquering Gaylord to the tune of 34 - 16, after losing to the same club earlier in the year.

Floyd Davis of Davis Jewelry is now employed in Bay City in a defense plant. Mrs. Davis will continue the business and Mr. Davis will be here weekends to do the repair that accumulates.

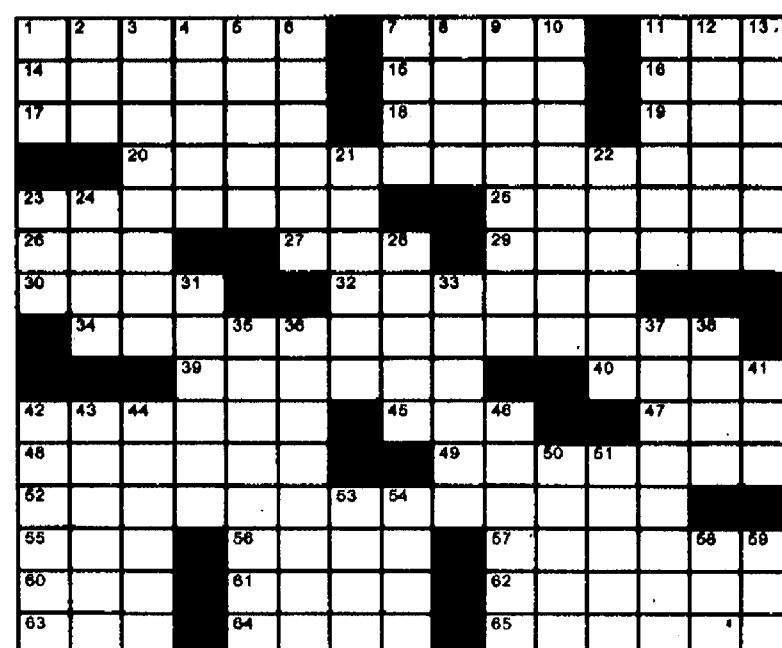
92 Years Ago February 5, 1920

Miss Wells has a special class for whispering after school. Jack Cameron and Doris McLeod were notified to attend.

Miss Dorothy Campbell of Newberry, sister of Mrs. A.M. Lewis, has accepted a position to teach in the public schools.

Photographer James Wingard left Monday for Petoskey to attend a convention of photographers of northern Michigan.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Small Asian arboreal ape with no tail
7. "___ Smile" (1976 hit)
11. Inspection Test Date (acronym)
14. Attraction
15. Complain
16. "___ any drop to drink"; Coleridge
17. Loud harsh noises
18. "God's Little ___"
19. "So ___ me!"
20. Ollie performers
23. Famously
25. Eats up
26. 1969 Peace Prize grp. (acronym)
27. Common Market initials
29. Parish council
30. "That's ___"
32. Small Australian parrots with brush-tipped tongue
34. Excessive eagerness in offering unwanted services
39. Closed, as a business
40. Abstruse
42. Game keeper?
45. Animal house
47. Fold, spindle or mutilate
48. Pellagra preventer
49. Cache
52. Procedure of assigning names to kinds and groups of organisms (pl.)
55. Adaptable truck, for short
56. "Beg pardon..."
57. Blue book filler
60. "Seinfeld" uncle
61. "Go, ___!"
62. Foreign dignitaries
63. Driver's lic. and others
64. Edible root of taro plant
65. Cover over

Down

1. Blah-blah-blah
2. "___ say!" (2 wds)
3. Launch
4. Murder without leaving a trace on the body
5. Companion of Artemis
6. Get cozy
7. Fink
8. "Giovanna d'___" (Verdi opera)
9. Curiosity (2 wds)
10. City in NE Scotland on the North Sea
11. Supplement
12. Someone who travels for pleasure
13. Fancy
21. Lens cover?
22. Slept, Brit. slang
23. Bubkes
24. Assortment
28. Murnured
31. Do away with
33. Most uncouth
35. Combine with 53 (chemistry)
36. Closed tightly
37. Academic term
38. Accommodate
41. Grand ___ ("Evelyn" setting)
42. Rings
43. Took part in turbulent disturbance
44. Brief appearances of a prominent actor
46. Fix
50. ___ brulee
51. Alter
53. Detective's need
54. BBs, e.g.
58. Victorian, for one
59. Clairvoyance, e.g. (acronym)

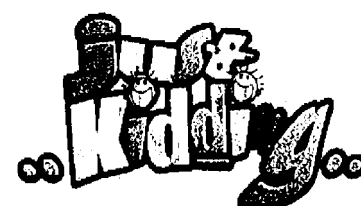
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

Week of January 29, 2012



CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19



ARIES
March 21 - April 19



CANCER
June 22 - July 22



LIBRA
September 23 - October 22



AQUARIUS
January 20 - February 18



TAURUS
April 20 - May 20



LEO
July 23 - August 22



SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21



PISCES
February 19 - March 20



GEMINI
May 21 - June 21



VIRGO
August 23 - September 22



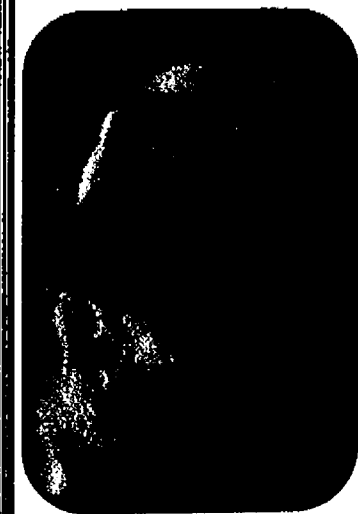
SAGITTARIUS
November 22 - December 21

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

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ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! - The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



Cocoa

Cocoa is a wonderful 1 year old Yellow Lab and Sharpei mix. He is very friendly and LOVES to be with people. He will require some training but Cocoa has been neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. All he needs now is a good home!

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

FOOTBALL COOKIE BALLS

Ingredients:

- 6 oz. (3/4 of 8-oz. pkg.) Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 pkg. (15.25 oz.) Chocolate Sandwich Chocolate Creme Cookies, finely crushed
- 2 pkg. (8 squares each) Semi-Sweet Chocolate, melted
- 1 Tbsp. white decorating icing

Directions:

MIX cream cheese and cookie crumbs until well blended.

SHAPE into 40 (1-inch) football shapes. Freeze 10 min. Dip in melted chocolate; place in single layer in shallow waxed paper-lined pan. Use icing to draw laces on footballs.

REFRIGERATE 1 hour or until firm.

How to Melt Chocolate

Place unwrapped chocolate squares in microwaveable bowl. Microwave on HIGH 2-1/2 min. or until chocolate is completely melted, stirring every 30 sec.

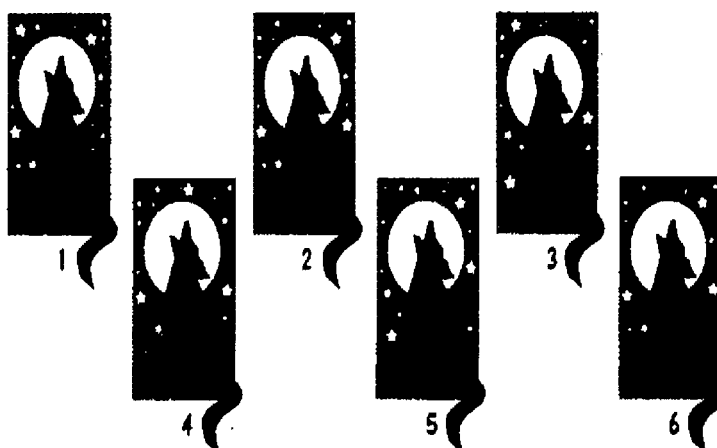
How to Easily Dip Cookie Balls

To easily coat cookie balls with the melted chocolate, add balls, in batches, to bowl of melted chocolate. Use 2 forks to roll balls in chocolate until evenly coated. Remove balls with forks, letting excess chocolate drip off.

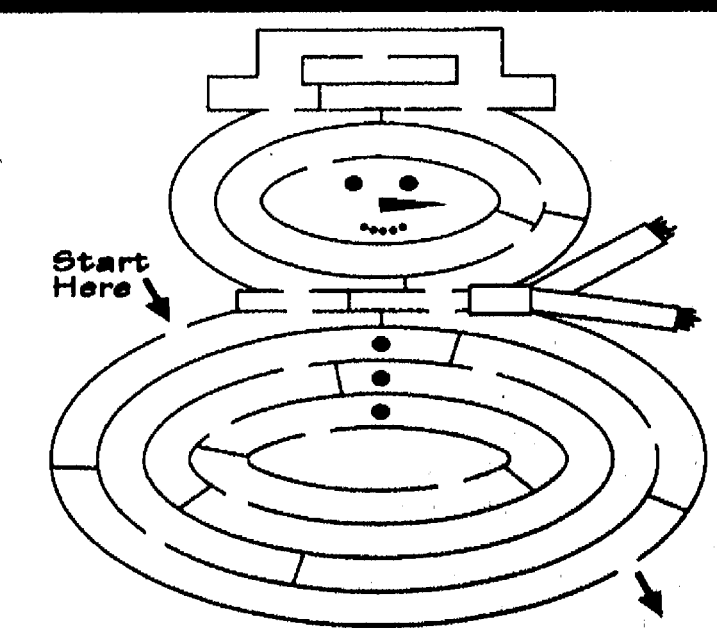
Prep Time: 20 min
Total Time: 1 hr 30 min
Makes: 40 servings

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling. Smoke free wedding receptions, showers, parties and more. Contact manager 348-7232. (-8-22-5-19-2-16-1-15-29-12-26-10-24-7-21/8)

THE STATE AVERAGE PRICE for propane this week is \$2.49 per gallon. This message was brought to you by State of Michigan Public Service Commission and Fick & Sons Propane Service. (-2/8)

WEST BRANCH GUN & KNIFE show - Sunday, Feb. 5, 9 - 3, Quality Inn Forward Conference Center, 2980 Cook Rd., 989-686-6535. (-2/8)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09/17/8)

10. Garage Sale

AUCTION! Feb. 4, 10 a.m., Perry Creek & M-33, Mio, MI. Furniture, silver plate, china, glass, baskets, collectibles, watches & costume jewelry, toy trains, some sportsman, inventory surplus, coins & much more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158. www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-2/10)

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9th graders win 42-26 vs. Rayders

The GHS 9th grade boys basketball team defeated the Charlevoix Rayders 42-26 in a league game played at Grayling Middle School on Tuesday night.

Grayling had 27 rebounds to Charlevoix's 14 and a solid steal to turnover ratio (24 to 10).

"Charlevoix was a very scrappy team and we matched their energy," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Jake Hinkle had 12 points and seven steals for GHS. Darin Nicholas had eight points, six rebounds, six steals, and six assists. Emmett Helsel had six points and three rebounds. Dallas Johnson had six points. Mason Papendick

had four points and four rebounds. Dylan Wyman had five rebounds.

"Dallas Johnson had a breakout game by not only scoring six points in two minutes but also applying excellent defensive pressure," Coach Kucharek said.

On Friday night, the Vikings lost for the second time this season, falling to Gaylord 64-44. The team shot only 26 percent (8 for 30) from two-point range in the loss, and the Vikings didn't score a point in the third period.

Nicholas had 16 points and three assists for Grayling. Carson Burmeister had 10 points and three assists. Helsel had four

points and four rebounds.

"We played a great first half but would like to forget about the third quarter. Gaylord is an amazing team and they did a great job of taking away points in the paint during the second half. Despite the loss I was very happy that we forced Gaylord to change their game play. Our guards did a great job breaking their press and forced Gaylord to quit pressing," Coach Kucharek said. "Darin Nicholas played his best game of the year so far."

Grayling (6-2 overall, 5-0 league) will host Harbor Springs at 6 p.m. (at Grayling Middle School) on Friday, Feb. 3.

Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

The Grayling Youth Wrestling Club (GYWC) wrestled in a tournament at Clare on Saturday, Jan. 21, placing 14 of 17 competitors.

"We continue to improve each week and the results show in our placements," Coach Larry Duval said. "Although we only had 17 wrestlers at this meet due to illness we placed 14 of these wrestlers."

Placements for the GYWC: 1st - Gavin Dannenberg, Kaden Brigham, Nick Petrie; 2nd - Zach Duncan, Eli

Bindschatel, Tim Burr, Alex Ferrigan, Devin Joseph, Shane McCleave, Logan Duval; 3rd - Austin Farmer, Reece Ferrigan, Austin Robison; 4th - Kejuan Conley.

The team placed 14 of 17 wrestlers again - including six champions - on Saturday, Jan. 28, in a meet held in Freeland.

"We wrestled very well at this tournament. All the wrestlers showed vast improvement," Coach Duval said.

Placements for Grayling:

1st - Ethan Dannenberg, Gavin Dannenberg, Zach Duncan, James Castillo, Logan Duval, Nick Petrie; 2nd - Austin Farmer, Eli Bindschatel, Reece Ferrigan, Alex Ferrigan; 3rd - Austin Robison, Kejuan Conley; 4th - Mason Kelley.

"We continue to grow as wrestlers each week," Coach Duval said.

The GYWC will compete in a meet at Evart on Saturday, Feb. 4. The team will end its regular season with a home meet on Feb. 11.

AuSable Wrestling Association

The AuSable Wrestling Association (ages 6-13) competed in tournaments at Freeland (NEMWA) and Gaylord (MYWAY) over the weekend, winning several medals, including a total of seven for individual championships.

Ten out of 13 wrestlers brought home medals from the Freeland Tournament on Saturday: 1st - Logan Malonen (age 6, 64 pounds), Logan Joseph (age 10, 110 pounds), Michael Phipps (age 13, 138 pounds); 2nd - Cole Dickie, Thomas May,

Andrew Hopkins, Mason Waidner; 3rd - Camara Peterson, Cameron Peterson, Ashdon Frisbie.

Sunday's tournament in Gaylord results included: 1st - Cole Dickie, Cameron Peterson, Thomas May; 2nd - Drew Moore, Cameron Trudeau, Zachary Todoroff, Ashdon Frisbie, Spencer Kent; 3rd - Deacon Myers, Mason Waidner; 4th - Camara Peterson, Michael Phipps.

"The schedule is very tough for the AWA wrestlers with an average of three

practices a week and then a full weekend of tournaments. There is not one wrestler on the team that does not give 100 percent when they step on the mat. The family and community support on this type of schedule is amazing. Win or lose, the wrestlers are quick to shake hands, congratulate their opponent, and show their sportsmanship. The community will benefit from this honorable behavior as we watch them grow into fine young men and women in years to come," a team official said.

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Bear's Den Pizza . . 37 - 47	Glen's Market . . . 12 - 16
Lone Pine 31 - 53	Legion 9 - 19
Spike's 28 - 56	High Series: P. D'Amour, 527; S. Johnson, 492; P. Younglove, 490. High Game: P. D'Amour, 216; S. Johnson, 188; D. Mead, 183.
High Series Women: C. Clark, 581; M. Rysso, 457; D. Hollis, 447. High Game Women: C. Clark, 216; M. Rysso, 168; D. Hollis, 167. High Series Men: D. Henning, 567; B. Hollis, 493; D. Canfield, 490. High Game Men: D. Henning, 214; D. Canfield, 174; B. Hollis, 172.	Thursday Morning Coffee Thanks "A Latte" . . 18 - 6 Fearless 15 - 9 Bowling Buds . . . 14 - 10 Snow Tops 12 - 12 Ladybugs 9 - 15 High Series Women: K.
Recreation League	

Moshier, 466; A. Stanley, 460; R. Brown, 448. High Game Women: A. Stanley, 201; K. Moshier, 163. High Series Men: D. Canfield, 585; B. Hollis, 517; J. Campbell, 495. High Game Men: D. Canfield, 211; J. Campbell, 199; B. Hollis, 180.	Game Women: T. Rock, 194; B. MacKinnon, 177; T. Benardo, 169. High Series Men: G. Mastroeni, 575; D. Canfield, 559; B. Harris, 557. High Game Men: F. Periard, 232; G. Mastroeni, 220; D. Canfield, 211.
Friday Mixed Doubles American Legion . . 27 - 8 Don Nester 23 - 12 Dodi's Karaoke . . . 22 - 13 Hot Dam Players . . 19 - 16 L & L Hauling . . . 19 - 16 G & B Rentals . . . 17 - 18 AJD 8 - 27 High Series Women: T. Rock, 520; B. MacKinnon, 473; D. Hollis, 452. High	Pioneer League Pink Ladies 16.5 - 7.5 Tim's Collision . . . 16 - 8 Legion 15 - 9 5 B's 15 - 9 Ole Dam 13 - 11 T.C. Lawncare . . . 10.5 - 13.5 Bosco Babes 7 - 17 High Series: S. Johnson, 501; M. Kroell, 499; L. Golnick, 490. High Game: T. Benardo, 193; C. Seymour, 182.

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